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Coup in Fiji may change Queen's role

Rebel colonel's move is challenge to authority

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

The Queen's future as the monarch of Fiji was being openly questioned after yesterday's second bloodless coup this year.

Amid outrage from Commonwealth leaders, and of sadness from the Queen herself, constitutional experts feared that she could soon be monarch of the United Kingdom and 16 other nations *instead of 17*.

Mr David Lange, the Prime Minister of New Zealand, said that unlike the earlier coup on May 14 yesterday's move had involved the ousting of the *Queen's representative*, Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, the Governor-General

Buckingham Palace confirmed yesterday that Ratu Ganilau had been about to announce that the Queen welcomed the proposed bipartisan government which the coup was staged to prevent.

Constitutional experts said that this posed a far graver challenge to the Queen's *authority than arose during* the last comparable situation, the overthrow of the Prime Minister of Grenada, Mr Maurice Bishop, in 1983. During that crisis the Queen continued to be represented on the island.

Former senior diplomats and Commonwealth sources predicted that Lieutenant-Colonel Sitiveni Rabuka, the coup leader both in May and yesterday, would be strongly *tempted to declare a republic*, albeit at the risk of weakening his support among Fiji's Melanesian minority.

But there is also the unprecedented possibility that if Colonel Rabuka, does not take this step the Queen might eventually choose to remove herself.

A highly authoritative source said that if all hope of a restoration of democracy were lost the Queen would receive advice to consider removing herself as head of state.

She would certainly not entertain such an idea in the short term. Her immediate anxiety would be for the Governor-General's safety and to avoid any action which might make matters worse. But if the military appeared set to retain control for the foreseeable future, her role would be a serious embarrassment.

The Queen is likely to hear views at next month's Commonwealth Heads of Government Conference in Vancouver. The leaders are expected to discuss ways of bringing economic but not military pressure on Colonel Rabuka's regime.

If Fiji becomes a republic it will be obliged to renounce or re-apply for Commonwealth membership. In the past every country which has re-applied after becoming a republic has been accepted except South Africa.

But Mr Peter Lyon, of the Institute of Commonwealth *Studies, part of London* University, said yesterday that it was very unlikely that Fiji would be accepted.

The Commonwealth has four military governments — Ghana, Nigeria, Lesotho and Uganda — among its 49 members. Several others, including Bangladesh, are considered borderline by Commonwealth sources. But the sources said there would be no such tolerance *of a military dictatorship* in Fiji.

Buckingham Palace announced yesterday: "The Queen is saddened by news of the latest developments in Fiji coming so soon after the recent announcement about *the formation of a caretaker* government to work towards *restoring democracy in Fiji.*"

The Palace was in touch with the Governor-General until shortly before the coup but then lost contact.

Mr Shridath Ramphal, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, said the coup would be "condemned throughout the Commonwealth".

● WASHINGTON: The American State Department yesterday denounced the coup and cautioned US tourists to stay out of remote areas of the Pacific island nation (AP reports).

The State Department urged restraint by all elements so that violence can be avoided and called for a broadly-based *solution* to the political crisis.

"We continue to support the efforts by the nation's only *constitutional authority*, the Governor-General, in this direction," the statement added.

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Rabuka pledges ethnic control

By Our Foreign Staff

Lieutenant-Colonel Sitiveni Rabuka yesterday told ethnic Fijians that his second coup would bring them the political dominance he promised in his first takeover less than five months ago.

The army commander and Methodist lay preacher, said on national radio that he had reassumed executive authority over the interim Government headed by the Governor-General, Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau.

Ratu Ganilau was reported to be at Government House and under no restrictions, but *Dr Timoci Bavadra, the Labour* Party Prime Minister *deposed when Colonel Rabuka* toppled his Indian-dominated coalition Government in May, was reported to have been arrested while driving towards Suva from his village of Viseisei.

Dr Bavadra's wife, Kuini, told the Australian Associated Press that about 50 soldiers had entered the couple's home in Suva, firing shots into the ceiling and harassing their *children*.

There were unconfirmed reports that two judges and the deputy publisher and legal adviser of the *Fiji Sun* newspaper, Mr Jim Carney and Mr Miles Johnson, were also detained.

Colonel Rabuka's broadcast came 50 minutes after armed troops seized newspapers and radio stations at 4pm local time. There were no reported injuries.

The Colonel imposed an immediate 8pm to 5am curfew and vowed that police and soldiers would keep law and order. He did not detail his plans to change the Constitution or indicate if he intended to call fresh elections.

Shortly before curfew fell, the centre of Suva was deserted except for patrolling soldiers.

The coup came after the country's rival political parties had agreed to form a caretaker Government with equal representation, in an effort to restore democracy. *Ratu Ganilau* had planned to make a *national radio address about* the caretaker Government and had released the text to the press before the coup.

"I am confident that the Royal Fiji Military Forces and *the Royal Fiji Police Force* will provide the necessary *support to enable the caretaker* Government to effectively sustain law and order in Fiji," his speech said.

Emlyn Williams dies at 81

Emlyn Williams, the Welsh actor and writer, died yesterday at his London home. He was 81.

Mr Williams *recently* underwent an operation for cancer and been convalescing at home.

Mr Williams was proud of his Welsh roots and toured the world with his one man show based on the life of Dylan Thomas.

He rose to fame as an actor and writer on the West End tage with his 1938 classic, *The Corn is Green*, about a Welsh pit boy who goes to Oxford. It was revived at the Old Vic in 1985.

He was also known for *Beyond Belief*, his 1967 study of the Moors murders. His first novel, *Headlong*, was published in 1980.

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Khomeini's boy warriors, aged 10

Tehran War Week

Iranian boy soldiers as young as 10 years old taking part in a *march past during a military* parade in Tehran's Azadi Square to *mark the eighth* anniversary of the start of the Iran-Iraq war.

The children are participat*ing in a week of Iranian* military parades and cere*monies designated* as "War Week" (Hazhir Teimourian writes).

Subjected to constant *preaching* at their schools by the Shia clergy, the young in Iran are among the most ardent supporters of the Islamic revolution. Many rebel against their parents to join the *Basej* volunteer army and are readily enlisted for a short period of training.

Some are then sent to the Iraqi border or for active service against separatist guerrillas in the mountains of *Iranian Kurdistan. They make* up a sizeable part of the country's estimated half a million men under arms.

In the earlier stages of the war, there were many report indicating that they were often thrown into battle ahead of the older Revolutionary Guards in order to clear the battlefields of mines. Many, some as young as 10 years old, were killed or maimed.

Eventually Iran appeared to have changed its mind about the usefulness of such tactics and greater emphasis was being placed on the proficiency of the regular Army, which was created by the late Shah.

Thatcher says Europe must dictate arms talks

By Andrew McEwen and John England

Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, yesterday gave a warning *against unrealistic hopes for* East-West relations following last week's announcement of agreement in principle on a superpower deal to eliminate medium and shorter range missiles.

Speaking after an international meeting in West Berlin of conservative leaders, she said it was substance not style that counted. Arms control could not be the only measure of Soviet intentions.

Conservative Party sources said she told the private meeting that the West should set the agenda and the priorities for the next stage in arms control.

Sources said that Mrs Thatcher had warned the congress, which was held behind closed doors, against hasty negotiations on short-range missiles. The Soviet Union should not gain the impression that the West would let itself be beaten down in bargaining over them.

She said the Soviet leader, Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, genuinely saw the need for change and was courageously pursuing it, but he remained dedicated to Communism and Moscow still sought to change the world balance of power.

An equally firm line with the Soviet Union was taken by Chancellor Kohl of West Germany, who said that Western policy towards Moscow must be ruled by "realism not wishful thinking".

In a "Berlin Declaration", the congress of the International Democrat Union called for a worldwide ban on chemical and biological weapons and a reduction of conventional forces in Europe.

The leaders, including eight government heads, said that after a *US-Soviet* agreement on Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF), accords must be achieved on conventional arms, in which the Soviet Union had superiority. Further efforts must also be made to reduce armouries of short-range missiles, as well as to reach politically-binding agreements on measures to build trust and security

Mrs Thatcher also ruled out a Soviet proposal for a United Nations peace-keeping force in the *Gulf*, and at the same time cautioned against un*realistic hopes on East-West* relations stemming from arms *control euphoria*.

"It won't work, so there is *no point in pursuing it any* further," she said of the UN force proposal, which was put forward by the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze.

Her views were far firmer than the line taken by Britain at the United Nations this week, where it has not dismissed the Soviet idea.

US vow to sink Iran mine ship

From Nicholas Beeston
Dubai

The United States Navy plans to scuttle the captured Iranian vessel caught laying mines this week in the Gulf, Mr Caspar Weinberger, the American Defence Secretary, announced yesterday *during a morale*-boosting inspection of *Washington's flotilla in the* waterway.

He said on the USS Hawes, a guided-missile frigate: "The ship will be destroyed. It certainly will not be handed back so that it can engage in further activities." A US Navy spokesman said it had not yet been decided when and where the vessel *would be sunk*.

The 1.662-ton Iranian landing craft, Iran Ajr, was strafed and hit by rockets twice on Monday by helicopters of the elite US Army "Task Force *160*", when it was spotted laying mines in international *sea-lanes 50 miles north of*

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Portfolio —Gold—

£20,000 to be won

● *There is £20,000 to* **be won in today's *Times Portfolio Gold* competition — £8,000 in *the weekly game and* £12,000 in the daily because there have been no winners for two days.**

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Positive test

Sandra Gasser, who won the bronze medal in the *1,500* metres at last month's world championships in Rome, has failed a first dope test Page 46

Boy kills family in gun spree

Marshfield, Missouri (AP) — A 14-year-old boy went on a shooting rampage early yesterday and killed his parents, an aunt and three younger brothers before he was stabbed to death in a scuffle with his uncle, police said.

The boy, Kirk Buckner, apparently got up early and shot his mother, Mrs Jan Buckner, near the milk barn on the family farm in rural southern Missouri. His three *younger brothers*, aged 12, 10 and 15 months, were found *dead inside the* house.

The boy's father, Mr Steve Buckner, was later found dead in a cemetery about a mile from the house, and along the road to the home of the boy's aunt and uncle, Jim and Julie Schnick, authorities said.

The first indication of the shootings, Sheriff Eugene Fraker said, came when Mr Schnick, aged 36, *called* the sheriff's department.

Mr Schnick was being treated in hospital for stomach wounds he received.

"We found him wounded in the abdomen. Lying in the hallway was Kirk Buckner. . . .In the bedroom. Julie was shot dead." the sheriff said.

Timetable set for sale of BP shares

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The Government's £7.5 billion sale of shares in BP — the biggest-ever stock market issue — has been fixed for 10am on *October 28, when the* 5 million small investors ex*pected to take part will be able* to apply for share allocations. Dealings will begin on October 30 at 2.30pm, and quick profits are likely.

The City is predicting that the partly-paid shares will begin trading at a premium of up to 30 per cent, but the Government is hopeful that the new breed of small investors *will* ignore early price jumps and hold on to the *shares to take advantage of the* dividend payments and loyalty bonuses on offer.

Small investors will be able to pay for their shares in three stages, the final one not due until April 1989. The first instalment will be about £100. Investors will qualify for full dividend payments as soon as they receive their shares, in *addition to free loyalty bonus* shares on the basis of one for *every 10 held for three years*.

Overseas demand for the shares is also expected to be high, but small British investors *will be guaranteed* "meaningful" allocations.

BP, the world's third-largest oil company, yesterday forecast profits of almost *£1.5* billion for the present year, and an *11p final dividend*.

These figures indicate a return to the profit levels achieved before last year's oil-price *slump*. Next year, BP will also benefit from the full *cash flow from* Standard Oil, its wholly-owned US subsidiary.

Mr Norman Lamont, the *Financial* Secretary to the Treasury, said: "Britain is now *one of the world's largest* share-owning democracies and I expect this sale to make a further major contribution to strengthening share ownership. Enormous interest has been shown in the sale. The size of the offer means that we expect to be able to make *worthwhile allocations* of shares."

Mr Michael Richardson, managing director of NM Rothschild, the merchant bank advising the Govern*ment on the sale, said interest* in the offer from small inves*tors, British and foreign* institutions was strong.

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Protest over late Storehouse deals

By Cliff Feltham

The Stock Exchange is investigating dealings in the shares of Storehouse, the BHS and Habitat group, which took place immediately before Mountleigh, the property company, called off its £1.8 billion takeover plans.

Two leading firms were sold large blocks of shares in Sir *Terence Conran's Storehouse* by a broker minutes before the *announcement* and suffered a big loss when the price immediately collapsed on news that the bid was not going ahead.

One of the firms is understood to have protested to the Stock Exchange, which declined to confirm that it was looking into the situation but admitted that its surveillance department observed *all* unusual price movements.

The leading City firm of Phillips & Drew confirmed last night that, as a market-maker, it bought 250,000 Storehouse shares 25 minutes before the announcement at a price of 371p. The shares later fell sharply to 330p.

Mr Steve Dalby, the head of the market-making department, said: "We do not attach any particular sinister significance to this deal and we have no proof that someone knew *something*. *However*, we would like to see the Stock Exchange look closely at deals done in this fashion."

In the second case, Warburg Securities, the other large City market-maker, bought a block of 300,000 shares in Storehouse at a price of 369p, only a couple of minutes before the stock market was offically informed that the bid talks had collapsed.

In both instances, the shares were sold by the small stockbroking firm Hitchens Harrison.

Storehouse shares recovered to close at 350p, up 6p.

Pensioner told Ryan to stop frightening people

By Howard Foster

A 77-year-old woman escaped unharmed after confronting Hungerford mass-killer Michael Ryan as he stood holding a rifle and a pistol, an inquest jury was told yesterday.

Mrs Dorothy Smith, who is deaf in one ear, came out of her house near the Ryans' home and upbraided the gunman for disturbing neighbours with his gunshots, unaware that the shooting had signalled the start of the Hungerford killings.

In a statement read to the coroner's court in Hungerford church hall, Mrs Smith said: "I said: 'Is that you making that noise? You are frightening everybody to death, stop it.'

"He just turned his head to the right and looked at me. He had a terrible vacant look in his eyes and a funny sort of grin on his face. He looked to me as if he was brain dead."

She shouted at Ryan that he was a "stupid bugger" before returning indoors. *Minutes later, the gunman shot* his own mother as well as a policeman *and several other neighbours. Why* Ryan spared Mrs Smith's life during their encounter, while killing so many victims without any provocation, is unexplained.

Ryan had smiled as he took aim and shot 14-year-old Lisa Mildenhall *out*side her home a few doors from Ryan. She described to the jury how she had looked him straight in the face as he stood near her with his rifle.

"He smiled at me. I fixed my eyes at his eyes and he then crouched down and aimed the rifle at me", Lisa said in a statement. "I just froze by the *front door. He fired the gun and I* cannot recall being hit. It must have been about *four shots. I thought he* was playing about and that it wasn't a real gun."

The second day of the inquest into the death of 16 people in Hungerford, including Ryan himself, began with a four-year-old girl's statements about how her mother, Mrs Susan Godfrey, died in Savernake Forest.

Hannah Godfrey told police that a car had been parked near her mother's *while she, her two-year-old brother*, James, and her mother had a picnic. A man had got out of the car, pointed a gun at Mrs Godfrey, and ordered her to strap the children into her car. Ryan had then taken the family's blue groundsheet and ordered Mrs Godfrey away *from the car. The girl* heard shots and saw Ryan drive away.

His second act of violence, the inquest was told, was at the Golden Arrow service station a few miles away, where he casually raised his rifle to his shoulder and fired at Mrs Kakaub Dean as she stood inside her *kiosk*.

A tearful Mrs Dean described how Ryan then walked into the shop and started firing. "I could hear his gun go click-click four or five times", said Mrs Dean. "I don't know if his gun jammed or he ran out of bullets. I said: 'Please don't, please don't.' I don't know if he heard me or not."

The inquest continues on Monday.

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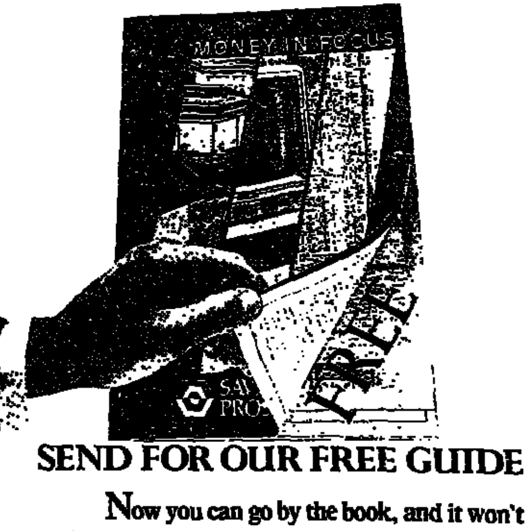

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NEWS SUMMARY

School pair challenge Hume

A legal challenge to the Roman Catholic diocese of Westminster's powers over school governors may change the running of the country's 4,415 voluntary aided schools.

Cardinal Hume has dismissed two diocese-appointed governors of the Cardinal Vaughan School in Holland Park, west London because they refuse to vote for the abolition of the sixth form. Backed by parents, the two dismissed governors have won an injunction stopping the governing body from meeting to ratify the proposals. They are seeking a judicial review of their dismissal.

Fr George Leonard, of the Westminster diocese, said yesterday that if governors could set aside the interests of the trustees who appointed them, "governors will be declaring UDI all over the place".

Phone fee delayed

Plans to charge telephone subscribers for the right to be "ex-directory" have been postponed by British Telecom after criticism by Oftel, the telecommunications' watchdog.

However, a fee could be introduced as part of a package when Telecom starts charging for directory inquiry calls, possibly towards the end of next year.

Telecom announced the plan to charge ex-directory subscribers who refuse to accept calls via the operator £2 a quarter in a statement last month.

Move on Hayward

The European Parliament will be asked to review the case of Captain Simon Hayward, The Life Guards' officer jailed in Sweden on drug charges.

Mr Richard Cottrell, the Euro MP for Bath and Bristol, has tabled a resolution calling on Swedish authorities to look again at "all the evidence which has either been suppressed or ignored".

Captain Hayward was jailed for five years after being found guilty of smuggling 110 lb of cannabis into Sweden. His appeal will be heard on Tuesday.

Child murdered

A murder inquiry was launched yesterday after the body of a child was discovered in a culvert containing eight inches of water in a recreation ground at Nuneaton, Warwickshire.

Dale Kowalczuk, aged 2½, whose parents separated a month ago, lived with his father, Mr Frederick Kowalczuk, aged 27, an unemployed man, in Alexandra Street, Nuneaton. At 11.30 pm on Thursday he was left in the care of a child minder, Mr Dean Lampert, aged 21, in Clarence Street, while his father went out.

Mr Lampert telephoned police at 1.15 am yesterday to report the boy was missing. Dale's body was found five hours later by police at Pool Bank playground.

Last night a man was helping police with their inquiries.

Alton to quit post

Mr David Alton is to announce his resignation as the Liberal chief whip today to promote a Bill to reduce the limit for abortions from 28 to 18 weeks.

The private member's Bill will provoke controversy within the party. Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, introduced the landmark Abortion Act of 1967, which gave women the right to free abortions up to 28 weeks.

Mr Alton, a Roman Catholic, is expected to be succeeded by Mr James Wallace, MP for Orkney and Shetland, his deputy.

'Ban partridge shoots'

The Game Conservancy has called for ban on the shooting of wild partridge this season after its annual count showed numbers to be very low.

Even without shooting, winter losses will mean a lower breeding stock next spring than this year.

The main reasons are said to be heavy late spring rain, particularly in eastern counties, and high losses of sitting hens to predators.

Percentage losses have doubled since the mid-1960s. Survival rates were better where farmers followed the recommended policy of leaving the edges of arable fields unsprayed with insecticides.

Police to make random checks on court jurors

Solicitors attack Hurd on vetting

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

The Law Society has criticized plans announced yesterday by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, to introduce a random police vetting system for court jurors.

The vetting system, designed to trap or discourage criminals from sitting on juries, will be in operation at more than 100 crown courts before the end of the year.

The Home Secretary said research in 1985 at 10 courts in England and Wales had shown that about 1,250 jurors a year, one in 24, could be tainted.

"The chances of one such juror affecting a verdict are not very strong, but it clearly risks reducing confidence in juries. *The new checks will* strengthen the jury system by increasing the deterrent to false declarations."

However, the Law Society believes random checks could be seen as interference with the impartiality of juries.

"While our criminal justice system is adversarial, there must be no possibility of a defendant feeling that the balance has been altered in *favour* of the prosecution", the solicitors' governing body says.

The society is urging Mr Hurd to publish the survey on which his proposals are based, and to allow full public debate on the issue.

It says that debate is particularly important in view of the Government's plans to abolish the peremptory challenge under which a defendant can object to up to three jurors without giving reasons.

The abolition would alter the balance in favour of the prosecution, says the society.

The Director of Public Prosecutions, Sir Thomas Hetherington, QC, the Association of Chief Police Officers and the National Council for Civil Liberties said they supported the vetting scheme, although the NCCL wanted precautions to protect innocent jurors.

Sir Thomas said problems had existed for a long time and he was glad steps were being taken to tackle them.

"If fears that people who are ineligible are sitting on juries are well founded, then it seems an admirable idea for the police to do spot-checks to find out the true position.

Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's home affairs spokesman, said that he backed Mr Hurd's wish to uphold the law regarding those disqualified from being jurors, but was concerned that random checks might undermine the jury system.

Details of the checking system are being discussed at the Home Office, but the checks *will be made before a potential* juror takes the oath.

Names will be taken at random from the jury panel drawn up by crown court staff in preparation for trials.

They will then be checked by police with the Police National Computer. Under the Juries (Disqualification) Act, 1984, anyone who receives a sentence exceeding five years in custody is barred for life.

Anyone receiving a lesser sentence in custody or a suspended sentence or community service order is banned for 10 years, and anyone placed on probation is disqualified for five years.

Mr Hurd's plan comes a time when there have been claims in London of widespread attempts to tamper with the jury process

Senior Scotland Yard officers have talked of organized gangs of jury "nobblers" and the need to give some juries 24-hour police protection.

Checks on the possible criminal background of potential jurors can already be made, with guidance provided by the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Association of Chief Police Officers.

Bosun's boots 'alarm' failed

By David Sapsted

Mr Marc Stanley, the assistant bosun responsible for closing the Herald of Free Enterprise's bow doors, was such a heavy sleeper that he took measures to ensure colleagues woke him, the Dover inquest into the Zeebrugge tragedy heard yesterday.

Mr Stanley made an unexpected second appearance at the inquest to admit that he had slept through a call to harbour stations on the night the ferry set sail with its doors open.

Mr Terry Ayling, bosun, told the coroner's jury: "Marc was a very heavy sleeper. He put his boots in the door so any of us *in* the *alleyway* would know he was asleep (in his cabin) and go in and get him up. The boots were a back-up to the normal call. It was to let us know Marc was still in there."

When the ferry set sail on March 6, however, the boots were not in the door, Mr Ayling said.

During Thursday's hearing into the deaths of 188 people, Mr Stanley had refused to confirm he had been asleep in his cabin. Yesterday he admitted he had taken a break and had slept through the call to harbour stations.

Mr Leslie Sabel, the Chief Officer, whose certificate of competency was suspended for two years by the official inquiry and *who was blamed* for his part in the disaster, also gave evidence.

He repeated his claim that he had believed he had seen Mr Stanley approaching the controls to the bow doors when he left the cargo deck. He accepted that it could not have been the assistant bosun

Today relatives of more than 130 people who died meet in Birmingham to discuss compensation claims and possiblelegal action against Townsend Thoresen.

The inquest will resume on Monday.

St John Ambulance cadets are to have a new look from today. The boys' haversack is to be replaced by a smaller hip pouch and girls will now be allowed to wear trousers or a black jumper and skirt instead of the traditional grey nursing dress. Chris Allender (left) and Samantha Rumbold (right), wear the new style, while behind them, fellow east London cadets Darren Weaver and Samantha Rumbold model the traditional uniform (Photograph: Mark Pepper).

Welfare review

Moore warned against cuts

By Jill Sherman and Martin Fletcher

Opposition MPs and some Conservatives yesterday warned Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Services, against any attempts to dismantle or diminish the welfare state.

Their warnings came in advance of a speech to be delivered by Mr Moore this morning in which, as reported in *The Times* yesterday, he will argue that while genuine distress should be alleviated the wider role of the welfare state should be re-evaluated.

While carefully avoiding mention of any specific benefits, he will claim that the future aim of the welfare state *should* be *to promote* independence and self-reliance, not dependence on government handouts, with the state playing a far more modest role.

Mr Tom Clarke, a Labour spokesman on social services, warned Mr Moore, who is seen as a possible right-wing successor to Mrs Margaret Thatcher as party leader, not to abuse his position as Secretary of State in his attempt for the leadership.

"I would very much regret seeing the Department of Health and Social Security being used as a pawn in the game to bid for the Conservative leadership.

"If Mr Moore, who is more Thatcherite than Mrs Thatcher herself, goes ahead with the proposals uncontested we may see an end to the welfare system as we know it which would be a major blow to the country."

Mr Archy Kirkwood, the Liberal spokesman on health, said the thrust of the speech confirmed his worst fears that Mr Moore had been put into the DHSS to introduce the pure Thatcherite ethic.

"It seems to me as if Mr Moore is aiming for the high ideological right-wing ground and that will be disastrous in my view for the future of the welfare state."

Mr Charles Kennedy, the SDP MP and former SDP social security spokesman, said it was common knowledge at Westminster that Mr Moore had been reading himself into the job.

Though Mr Moore himself was saying nothing yesterday, Mr Antony Newton, Minister of Health, denied there were any plans on the table for cuts in the welfare system.

Mr Newton, speaking at the United Kingdom Social Services conference in Glasgow, suggested that what Mr Moore was advocating was the same policy that had led to the reforms enshrined in the Social Security Act 1986 such as better targeting of benefits.

Conservative MPs were for the most part suspending judgement, though Mr Robin Squire, MP for Hornchurch, and Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, MP for Kensington, expressed concern.

● Government proposals to alter payments to people on the Manpower Services Commission's Community Programme could jeopardize the future of the scheme, it was claimed yesterday.

The National Association for the Care and Resettlement *of Offenders said that plans to* substitute the system of paying the local rates for the job with a weekly allowance of £15 on top of benefit entitlement would deter many people from joining the scheme.

Militant activity alleged in poll

By Richard Ford
Political Correspondent

The Labour Party is to hold a top-level inquiry into the alleged activities of members of the Militant Tendency in Bradford North during the general election. The seat was won for Labour by Mr Pat Wall.

Militant members allegedly collected funds and sold copies of the organization's newspaper while canvassing for Mr Wall, a founder member of Militant Tendency. They are also accused of holding top positions in the Bradford North election campaign and of setting up an office in the city to run a parallel campaign.

The accusations are made in a secret dossier sent to the party's national executive, which agreed on Wednesday to launch an inquiry into the claims. The investigation will be headed by Miss Joyce Gould, Labour's director of organization.

A dispute in the Bradford North constituency party led to the resignation of its chairman, Mr Ronnie Fieldhouse, one of those responsible for sending in the report on Militant activities. He said: "What happened there was a disgrace. They were burrowing into our campaign and we did not stand a chance of stopping them.

"On some days there were *300 to 400 Militants knocking* on doors in the city."

The Labour Party said that none of the allegations concerned Mr Wall.

In the 1983 general election, when Mr Ben Ford, who had been deselected, stood as an Independent Labour candidate, Mr Wall lost to the Conservatives.

● A meeting of the large unions tomorrow in Brighton will determine how Labour will select and reselect its MPs. Before the conference opens formally on Monday, decisions on voting for plans to extend the franchise will be taken by union delegations meeting in private.

Some party members claim that the national executive has ignored a resolution carried at last year's conference which said that to reopen the argument would be divisive and damage party unity.

The key to the system the party will adopt is almost certainly held by the Transport and General Workers' Union which, with a block vote of more than one million, *usually has* a decisive influence on the conference.

Its executive has decided to back the electoral college plan and it is unlikely that the delegation will take a different course.

● Mr Bryan Gould, Labour's trade and industry spokesman, set himself at odds with many of his colleagues last *night by embracing Mrs Mar*garet Thatcher's drive for wider share ownership. Although he continued to scorn privatization, Mr Gould urged Labour to support the concept as a way of distributing power.

Mines count cost of overtime ban

By Tim Jones

A British Coal director last night accused Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, and militant union officials of "trading on the traditional loyalties of the average genuine miner" to cause disruption in the coal industry.

Mr John Northard, operations director, warned the militants that they would not be allowed to "drag the industry down without a fight even though they masquerade under the guise of union officials.

"Mr Scargill is seeking a charter for militants to cause *disruption in the industry.* Nothing in the code of conduct is directed against trade union activities."

Mr Northard's warning that British Coal is not prepared to concede further ground over its code of conduct came after the first week of a limited overtime ban which has been imposed by the union in protest.

In South Wales, production for the week was down by about 2 per cent and the western area, covering Lancashire, North Wales and Staffordshire lost 6,000 tonnes, or 15 per cent of its production on Wednesday.

In Yorkshire, which is leading the demands for more militant action, production was normal.

When NUM leaders meet in Brighton tomorrow, on the eve of the Labour Party conference, they will come under pressure from hardline areas to extend the ban to the crucial weekend period when pits are prepared for the following week's production.

Other areas, such as south Wales and Scotland, where there are loss making pits, are reluctant to harden up the action, fearing it could lead to closures and job losses.

Post Office sticks to hours cut offer

By a Staff Reporter

The Union of Communications Workers, which is preparing to ballot members on industrial action which could cause chaos at Christmas, was told yesterday the Post Office would not budge from its offer to reduce the net working week by one hour.

Mr Ken Young, vice chairman, said: "We have no intention of conceding the union claim for a three-hour reduction. The cut we have offered will reduce the net working week of postal staff to 38.5 hours, compared to 39.1 hours for male manual workers in British industry."

The Post Office believes the union claim, which would cost £150 million a year to finance is based on a false premise. The maintains its members work a 43-hour week, compared to an average for industry of 40 hours. But the UCW includes meal breaks, to arrive unlike other unions representing industrial hourly paid workers which exclude them.

Sir Ron Dearing, who retires next week as chairman of the Post Office, said: "It saddens me that postmen are to be asked by their union to consider a course of action that can only damage them."

Postmen should consider the high degree of job security they enjoyed, the extra jobs that had been created and the way their earnings had improved, he said.

He added: "It would be a tragedy if all these gains were to be thrown away in an unnecessary confrontation. It is one thing to take industrial action, and the union call asks for this, but can the union lead its men back to jobs that have been forfeited by such action".

The Post Office offer of a one-hour reduction in the working week has been made provided the cost does not have to be paid for by customers.

The lasting appeal of Bernard Shaw

By Lynda Murdin

The London publishers who paid a record £625,000 for a new biography of George Bernard Shaw by Mr Michael Holroyd are planning more big purchases, it was revealed last night.

The *recent* takeover of Chatto & Windus by Random House, the New York publishers, gives the company enormous purchasing power without any necessity, as in the case of Mr Holroyd's enormous work, to make a fast recoupment.

"I hope we will make further major acquisitions. We have now got the resources to do so", Mr Simon Master, chief executive of the Random House group in Britain, said.

Contrary to predictions that such a large advance could never be recouped, Mr Master said: "I think that there is every prospect that over a long period we will get our money back. We are talking about something that has an absolutely open-ended life.

"We take the view that we are investing in a unique literary property which will have a life of decades. This is not the same as publishing Jeffrey Archer and trying to get your money back in the first six months."

The first volume of three main works, entitled simply *Bernard Shaw*, because, apparently GBS disliked the name George, will appear next year, priced between £15 and £20.

The £625,000 is the highest paid in Britain for a work of non-fiction. Mr Holroyd said last night, Shaw would have viewed the remarkable deal, which left the book world in a state of shock, as "worth every penny.".

Mr Holroyd, aged 52, married to the novelist, Margaret Drabble, added that sympathetic marketing schemes and pledges to keep the selling price down made him choose Chatto & Windus.

His work will encompass six separate books: three hardback volumes of biography, a bibliography, and two paperbacks, one on Shaw's life, one on his plays, both of which will amount to a "reorchestrating" of the main books.

In them, Mr Holroyd says a *new picture* of Shaw emerges, removed from the general image of a vegetarian, teetotal skinflint.

"Shaw was much more susceptible to attractive women than perhaps has been known. I have also discovered he was an extremely generous man, always giving money away, always involved with *more than* one woman — and these tended to be actresses."

The fall of Oscar Wilde

The story of Oscar Wilde's life reads like a Victorian morality tale: years of arrogant triumph leading to the indignity, physical and emotional, of imprisonment.

Now *a new biography* of Wilde by the late Richard Ellmann, serialized exclusively in *The Sunday Times* magazine tomorrow, reveals how the demoralized and broken man coped with his years in jail.

The long-awaited book, which took 14 years to write, casts new light on the man who seemed to court fame and notoriety.

The magazine also presents previously unpublished pictures of the Queen Mother, while the Arts & Leisure section continues its exclusive extracts from Robert Lacey's new book.

As autumn opens the ski slopes beckon once again — but which of the hundreds of holiday companies and resorts are the best? *The Sunday Times* offers a snowflake rating to help you to decide.

Corrections

Some editions of *The Times* yesterday wrongly attributed proposals on television advertising to the IBA (Independent Broadcasting Authority) instead of the IPA (Institute of Practitioners in Advertising).

Our report yesterday on the forthcoming wedding of Prince Ludwig Rudolf of Hanover omitted the fact that Prince Ernst August of Hanover won his claim for British citizenship in 1956 in the Court of Appeal, which dismissed suggestions of treason by him or that he took arms against the United Kingdom during the First World War.

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Hungerford inquest hears girl's story of how mother died

A four-year-old girl's story of how her mother became the first of Michael Ryan's 16 victims was read to the Hungerford inquest jury yesterday.

Hannah Godfrey told police that she had gone with her mother, Susan, and her brother, James, aged two, for a picnic in Savernake Forest, a few miles from Hungerford.

Ryan got out of a car parked nearby and walked towards them, pointing a gun. He ordered Mrs Godfrey, aged 33, to strap the children into her car and led her away, taking with him a blue tarpaulin ground sheet.

Shortly afterwards, the girl heard shots and saw Ryan run to his car and drive away. There was no sign of her mother. Eventually she unstrapped herself and her brother and they left the car.

Police found Mrs Godfrey, who had been shot 13 times, lying dead 75 yards into the forest. The tarpaulin was about 10 yards from her body.

Hannah was the first of several witnesses who gave evidence on the second day of the inquest on Ryan and 15 of the 16 people he killed on August 19.

Mrs Kakaub Dean told the court that she saw Ryan, a regular customer, drive into her filling station and fill his car and a can with petrol.

"I lifted my eyes from the till and I saw him just pointing the gun straight at me and he took a shot at me from there. Then he came into the shop and started shooting again 10 to 15 feet away. I hid under the counter. I could hear his gun go click, click, four or five times. I don't know if his gun jammed or he ran out of bullets.

"I said: 'Please don't, please don't'. I don't know if he heard me or not. He stayed there a few seconds and was standing holding the gun, but I couldn't do anything. When I heard his car engine start I got up and saw he was still looking toward the shop as he was driving."

Ryan then drove to his home in Southview, where he started shooting at random.

Mrs Dorothy Smith, aged 77, a neighbour, said in a statement that she went to investigate the noise and confronted Ryan, telling him to stop making a noise and frightening people.

She said that she had known Ryan for 20 years, but hardly recognized him. "I said: 'Is that you making that noise? You're frightening everybody to death. Stop it'. He just turned his head to the right and looked at me.

"He had a terrible vacant look in his eyes and a funny sort of grin on his face. He looked to me as if he was brain-dead."

Mrs Smith, who is partially deaf, said that she then called Ryan a "stupid bugger" before being pulled to safety by a neighbour.

Mrs Betty Tolladay, aged 68, also shouted to Ryan to stop making a noise with his gun. He turned his rifle on her and wounded her as she stood in her garden. She dragged herself into her house and lay in her hallway for 5½ hours before help arrived.

Mrs Margery Jackson, aged 49, who lived five doors away from Ryan, said that she had watched him drive up to his house in his silver Vauxhall Astra at great speed.

"He got out and looked at me in a very vague frame of mind, as if he had been upset or angry and he went inside the house." She was about to go into her own home when she heard Ryan begin shooting. She rescued Mrs Smith before being shot in the back.

"He was jogging up and down. Quite a few bullets came into my home. He was running and jogging and firing at all times at any movement he would have seen. It was very quick fire."

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She telephoned for her husband, but when he arrived, Ryan shot and wounded him and killed his workmate, Mr George White, who had driven him home.

Mrs Dorothy Ryan, the killer's mother, then appeared, and shouted to both Mr Jackson and her son before being shot. "He shot her in the back. I saw her go down", Mrs Jackson told the jury.

Mr Ivor Jackson, a bricklayer, aged 53, said that he realized that he had been hit in the chest and believed he was going to die. "I remained in the car making out I was dead. I have no idea how long I laid there."

Ryan's youngest victim, **Lisa Mildenhall**, aged 14, thought he was was playing a game when he fired four shots into her body.

She said in a statement that she was playing with her friends in the back garden of her home in Southview when she heard a noise "a bit like a cap gun". She went round to the side of the house and saw Ryan.

"I looked straight at his face and he smiled at me. I fixed my eyes at his eyes and he then crouched down and aimed the rifle at me. I just froze by the front door.

"He fired the gun and I can't recall being hit. It must have been about four shots. I thought he was playing about and that it wasn't a real gun. I thought 'what a mess' and turned and ran inside. As I was running I could still hear shots being fired in my direction.

"I said: 'Mummy, mummy, have I been shot?' She looked really shocked and then I realized I had been shot. There was a lot of blood and I was worried. I wasn't crying at that stage. I felt weak and fell to the floor."

Lisa, who was shot in the hip, leg and stomach, has since recovered.

Mr Robert Clements, aged 26, described how he and his family were out for a walk when a woman warned them that someone had "gone berserk with a gun", but his father, Kenneth, walked on towards the common.

"I felt I couldn't let him go up there on his own so I followed a few yards behind. A military-type person jumped out on to the track and lifted the gun and fired straight away. One bullet to start with.

"My father seemed to fold up on to his back. I stared at the person holding the gun and I looked at the fence and I thought I had to go over. There didn't seem any way of helping."

He saw Ryan walking casually, firing bullets into a police car which had arrived with Police Constable Roger Brereton, who died as Ryan pumped 24 shots into the vehicle.

Sergeant Peter Ryan, who arrived in another car with Police Constable Bernard Maggs, said that Ryan saw them them crossing a playing field and a hail of gunfire came over their heads.

Alison Chapman, aged 16, told the jury that she was in her mother's car when they saw Ryan standing in the middle of the road, looking half drunk. He fired three times, hitting her mother in the throat and shoulder and Alison in the leg.

Mrs Jennifer Hibberd, aged 48, said that she was only 12 feet from Ryan as he stood with a rifle in one hand. "His face was sweaty with red blotches. I could see he had a smirk on his face, half grinning. He was looking down the road and at the rifle he had just used."

Ambulance woman **Mrs Hazel Haslett** said that she answered an emergency call to Southview and was reversing her ambulance up the narrow road when she heard gunfire and felt pains in her arm as bullets hit the windscreen.

She drove off and gave help to Mr Eric Vardy, who was trapped in his van with a neck wound a few hundred yards away.

Mr Charles Hoile, the coroner, praised Constable Brereton and Police Constable Jeremy Wood, who were among the first police officers on the scene of the killings.

PC Brereton managed to send a emergency call saying that he had been hit just before he died. PC Wood called for a fire arms team and a helicopter, set up a road block, evacuated picnicking families and also came under fire from Ryan.

Mr Neil Garnham, representing PC Brereton's family, said the dead officer's action "was nothing less than an act of heroism."

Mrs Margery Jackson, shot after saving a neighbour

Mrs Kakaub Dean, fired upon at her filling station

Honorary degrees were conferred yesterday on Mr Bryan Forbes, the film director, (left), Mr Jeremy Isaacs, the founding chief executive of Channel 4, and fashion designer Zandra Rhodes, by the Council for National Academic Awards (Photograph: Graham Wood).

BA merges its tour division to stem losses

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

British Airways is to merge its loss-making tour companies with Sunmed Holidays, to form Britain's fourth-largest holiday company.

Enterprise, Flair, Sovereign and Martin Rooks are to become part of a new company owned jointly by British Airways and Sunmed, with overall control being given to Sunmed's managing director, Mr Vic Fatah.

The airline's director of marketing, Mr Jim Harris, said yesterday that the merger was the best solution to the problems of BA's holiday division, which lost £4.7 million last year.

No name has yet been chosen for the new company, but Mr Fatah said the existing names would continue, at least for the time being, and separate brochures would be produced.

There is no automatic link with British Airways' aircraft fleet. The company will buy seats on the open market for the best possible price. It is clear, however, that should the proposed merger with British Caledonian go ahead, the company will be in an ideal position to take up seats on the new leisure division to be established at Gatwick.

The Sunmed brand names are Go Greek, Go Turkey and Go Ski. Mr Fatah, who set up the company in 1972 as a Greek Island specialist, has rapidly established himself as one of the shrewdest operators in the business.

Sunmed sells about 200,000 holidays a year and the new company will offer a total of about 850,000. This will make it the fourth-largest holiday company behind Thomson Holidays, International Leisure Group and Horizon.

Mr Fatah has already drawn up plans to restructure the companies. One of his first jobs will be to shed about 15 per cent of the 580 staff spread throughout the organization.

Mr Harris said: "In common with most medium-sized operators, we have suffered in the battle for a market share among the industry leaders. We decided therefore to put our tour business on a fresh footing."

Airline relaxes limits on weight of luggage

Passengers flying with British Airways from October 1 will be able to check in with heavier bags and have less to pay if they are still over the weight limit (Our Air Correspondent writes).

Along with most other airlines it had insisted that the maximum weight allowed per passenger was 20 kilograms in economy, and 30 kgs in Club and first class.

Anything heavier was then charged an excess baggage fee based on 1 per cent of the first class fare per kilogram of luggage carried beyond the limit.

The maximum will be raised to 23 kgs for economy, 30 kgs for Club and 40 kg for first class passengers.

Repeated attempts by BA, backed by airlines in the United States, to persuade other airlines to introduce similar limits has failed and BA has decided to go it alone

Any economy passenger will be able to check in one bag regardless of its weight, provided it does not look obviously overweight.

The "look and guess" test will be applied to Club and first class passengers who bring two suitcases with them.

Killer of unborn baby jailed

The killer of an unborn baby was jailed for life yesterday. Trevor Virgo, aged 21, attacked his girl friend "without mercy" when she was seven months pregnant and kicked her child to death.

Judge Hazan, QC, told him at the Central Criminal Court: "In the infamous history of the maltreatment by men of their womenfolk this case is at the highest. It is unsurpassed in my long experience."

Virgo, an unemployed warehouseman, of Keynes Court, Attlee Road, Thamesmead, south London, was sentenced after being convicted under the Infant Life Preservation Act 1929 of killing an unborn child.

Only seven other cases have been brought under that Act in recent history.

He was sentenced to concurrent terms of 16 years for causing grievous bodily harm to Miss Julie Wolton, aged 28, a social worker, and wounding her on another occasion.

The judge said Virgo had been jailed for four years in 1983 for smashing a hammer over the head of an 80-year-old man and robbing him of £60.

Spot checks ordered into smear tests

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Spot checks on smear tests for cervical cancer were ordered by Mrs Edwina Currie, the junior health minister, yesterday to help to uncover any further batches which may have been wrongly diagnosed.

She is also expected to announce in November her plans for speeding up and improving a computerized system, based on the Swedish and Finnish models, to ensure that all women at risk are regularly screened.

She called on all health authorities yesterday to introduce a system of double-checking a proportion of the four million slides examined every year after the disclosure that 911 tests in Liverpool had been wrongly diagnosed as clear.

At present only Oxford health authority is understood to operate a system of spot checks, on up to one third of all negative tests.

The Department of Health and Social Security said yesterday that health authorities are being told that a proportion of all negative slides from each screener should be re-screened by another member of the laboratory staff to guard against mistakes.

Mrs Currie, who is making the improvement of screening services for cervical and breast cancers a personal campaign, is known to be greatly influenced by her recent visit to Sweden and Finland where early tests reveals 85 per cent of women at risk from cervical cancer. In Britain, 2,000 women a year die from the disease.

Health authoritites have also been sent instructions on good quality controls for laboratories carrying out the tests.

A national computerized system is due to start operating next spring to call and regularly recall women for smear tests.

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Child sexual abuse

'Cleveland foster care suffered'

Acceptable foster care collapsed in Cleveland during the child sexual abuse controversy, the judicial inquiry was told in Middlesbrough yesterday.

Mrs Alison de Lacy Dunne, Cleveland's social services adoption and fostering coordinator, said an untenable situation was reached when every foster home was full

She told the inquiry, in its fifth week: "I visited the ward twice and felt very strongly that a hospital setting was totally unsuitable for young children separated from their parents. It was like going back to the days of residential nurseries, which had long been recognized as damaging child care."

The inquiry, led by Mrs Justice Butler-Sloss, was told by Mrs Dunne that there were four instances when foster parents caring for sexually abused children were referred to the paediatrician, Dr Marietta Higgs, for another examination and she diagnosed further sexual abuse.

Mr Christopher Horne, the Langbaurgh area officer for Cleveland social services, said they were unprepared in experience and resources for the excessive number of sexual abuse referrals that arose from May this year.

Demand for new legislation

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Social services' directors yesterday called for measures to improve procedures for dealing with child abuse cases.

The Association of Directors of Social Services called on the Government to immediately bring forward legislation on child care and family court reforms which were both omitted from the Queen's Speech this year.

The White Paper on Child Care Law proposes the introduction of an emergency protection order which would allow social workers the right to take protective action only on suspicion of neglect and also allow them to enter premises to investigate.

Although the procedures could make it easier for children to be taken away from families the reforms also call for a significant reduction in the time taken to investigate before care proceedings are initiated from the present 28 days to either 15 or eight days.

Speaking at the close of the United Kingdom Social Services conference in Glasgow yesterday, Mr Brian Roycroft, president of the association, said if the Government was committed to tackling child abuse it should reintroduce both pieces of law into this year's legislative programme.

Mr Roycroft, who is giving evidence to the Cleveland inquiry in the next few weeks, also pressed the Government to provide immediate resources for multi-disciplinary training for those involved in child abuse cases.

A recent survey carried out by the association showed that an estimated 5-6,000 new names had been added to child abuse registers across the country in the last 12 months but he said that for each case on the register another four cases of suspected abuse were investigated by social services departments.

"Our departments may be investigating up to 20,000 possible cases of child abuse a year", Mr Roycroft said.

Reports from individual social service departments have indicated that reported cases of sexual abuse have doubled or even trebled within the last year. Mr Roycroft said that in his evidence to the Cleveland inquiry he would press for improvements in the technical aspects of the procedures, such as reviewing the present place of safety order which he claimed was unjust to both parents and children. He said he would also recommend clear guidance for diagnostic procedures involving child sexual abuse which should be done by a specialist team involving paediatricians, social workers, police doctors, health visitors and other agencies

Trial mother to fight for children

A woman released from the Central Criminal Court this week after a trial involving allegations of sexual abuse against four of her children and six others was abandoned, will be taking legal steps to have them returned (Andrew Morgan writes).

The prosecution withdrew charges against the woman, her father and her husband after her daughter, aged nine, broke down and was unable to give evidence. The children are the subject of an interim care order.

Under an injunction made by Mrs Justice Heilbron on August 13, the three former defendants are restrained from commenting on any ward-of-court hearings to the Press, which is also banned from reporting comments.

The woman has moved back with her father, a former lorry driver, and her mother in their council maisonette in south London. She has five children, four alleged to have been the victims of sexual abuse.

Her husband is believed to be living in south London, close to the homes of three sets of parents whose children, aged six to 10, were alleged to have been abused.

Baker ill-informed about funding, say angry universities

By Sarah Thompson, Education Reporter

British universities have reacted angrily to a complaint by Mr Kenneth Baker, the *Secretary of State for Education* and Science, that they do not do enough fund-raising.

Speaking in Chicago yesterday on the last leg of his week-long tour of the United States, Mr Baker singled out Southampton University for having a full-time fund-raiser, and said he would like more *institutions to follow suit.*

Professional university fund-raisers responded with calls on Mr Baker first to do his homework — universities have doubled their non-government income in the past four years — and secondly to work on their behalf in the Cabinet to win tax advantages for corporate donors similar to the wide range available in the United States.

BBC radio reported Mr Baker as saying that Southampton was the only university with a professional fund-raiser, but he says he was misquoted.

In fact Southampton has two full-time fund-raisers and at least 21 of Britain's 45 universities have their own development officers and trusts. Others have staff with part-time responsibility for serious fund-raising.

Miss Auriol Stevens, spokesman for the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, said: "The universities have doubled their earnings from non-government sources in the past four years.

"Mr Baker's remarks are deeply irritating. First, he is appallingly ill-informed and secondly, he seems to want us to go around with a begging bowl when we have been concentrating on earning our living in the market place by increasing revenue from consultancies and contracts."

The tax position in Britain lags far behind the US, says the development funds campaign director at Edinburgh University, Mr Danny Simson, who heads a full-time fund-raising staff of 10.

He is co-ordinating a universities' campaign to introduce more incentives in the next Budget for companies to donate to universities.

Corporate donors can gain tax benefits on one-off donations equivalent to only 3 per cent of their dividend — a pointlessly small proportion, in Mr Simson's view.

Tax benefits to the donor on covenants are restricted to gifts made over at least four years and *few companies*, he says, are willing to make such a long-term commitment.

In the US, the range of benefits to companies is vast and of enormous benefit to the donors themselves: there is no capital gains tax on the appreciation in value, since purchase, of a gift of property to a university.

Instead of concentrating on Southampton, Mr Baker could have mentioned Oxford University, where a full-time fund-raiser from America has been in office for nearly a year; Warwick, where a new hall of residence is opening this term funded entirely by non-government sources, and which is gaining nearly half its income from outside sources; the small University of Wales College in Bangor, where £2.3 million has been raised to supplant dwindling Government support for agriculture; or Surrey, where a music and dance centre is opening after a £1.5 million appeal, still *continuing to raise funds for* equipment; or any one of at least 20 other universities with a high fund-raising profile.

Miss United Kingdom, Miss Karen Mellor (right) and Lizzie Webb, the television fitness expert, limbering up with Lloyd Honeyghan, world welterweight boxing champion, for tomorrow's national fun run organized by *The Sunday Times*.

They will be among 32,000 people setting out from Hyde Park in London in Britain's biggest annual running event.

Emil Zatopek, multi gold medallist of the 1948 and 1952 Olympics, will lead a team of guest starters. Other celebrities include Professor Magdi Yacoub, the heart transplant surgeon, and Jeffrey Archer, the author.

Thirty thousand people will take part in the 2.5 mile run, and a further 2,000 have entered the 4.30pm mass jog.

Team results will be published in *The Sunday Times* the following Sunday.

The series of fun runs begin at 10 am. The start is near the junction of Bayswater Road and Park Lane.

(Photograph: Tim Bishop)

Scotland 'never more ready for independence'

By Kerry Gill

The prospect of gaining independence for Scotland has never been so good, Mr Gordon Wilson, leader of the Scottish National Party said yesterday.

With the Labour Party in a state of "paralysis" north of the border and the Alliance in turmoil, the SNP was entering a new era, he said. However he added that members must abandon internal differences and concentrate on a campaign for full independence.

"We should abandon boring and time wasting battles over independence versus devolution or left versus right and direct all our energies into the practical politics of campaigning and organization, of winning and holding SNP support", he told delegates to the SNP annual conference in Dundee.

Mr Wilson, who admitted that the party had only made a "modest advance" at the general election, criticized Labour which, with 50 of the 72 Scottish seats, had failed to capitalize on its electoral success.

The Scottish people, said Mr Wilson, would soon tumble to the uselessness of a vote for Labour, and would turn to the SNP as the only party with real concern for Scotland.

The priority was to convince Scots of the "absolute primacy" of independence. "Until we substitute Scottish loyalty for British loyalty we shall remain at the margin of Scots politics", Mr Wilson said. "It can be done. There is no greater political force than nationalism," he said. "Devolution no longer fits. It offers Scotland an answer to nineteenth century problems when we need a constitutional structure responsive to those of the twenty-first century."

Mr Wilson said he would devote the next year as chairman of the party to lifting support in the highly populated central belt of Scotland.

"I do not believe that we can win by copying Labour or by *competing with it on the far* left of the spectrum. We have tried this with no success."

The party must mount a recruitment campaign to attract new talent, give leadership to parliamentary candidates, and contest every local and parliamentary by-election and enter the next general election having secured at least 20 per cent of the vote in district, European and regional elections.

A measure of the party's desperation to improve its electoral fighting machine is that the party's national organizer, Mr Alan McKinney, is to be sent to the United States to study the latest techniques in presidential election campaigns.

Mr Wilson, who lost his own parliamentary seat of Dundee East in June, received a standing ovation.

He said the party must be consistently and positively pro-Scottish and pro-independent.

Britain leads the field at TV festival

British television collected two top international drama prizes yesterday continuing its domination of the Prix Italia, the world's most prestigious broadcasting festival at Vicenza (David Housham writes).

The BBC won the £5,000 Prix Italia for television drama with Simon Gray's *black comedy* about Oxford academics, *After Pilkington*, produced by Kenith Trodd.

Yorkshire Television won the £5,000 special prize in the same category with *Scab*, written by Geoffrey Case and set against the miners' strike.

On Thursday Channel 4 won the special prize for musical *television programmes* for *Behind the Mask: perspectives on the music of Harrison Birtwhistle* and the BBC won the category for television programmes on ecological matters with *Vanishing Earth: Soil*.

PC who stole on beat is jailed for two years

A policeman who stole from cars while on his beat was jailed for two years yesterday.

Police Constable Nigel Parsons was told by Judge Rutter at Cardiff Crown Court: "I have seldom heard such barefaced lies as those which flowed from you during the course *of your evidence*."

He said the crimes were more serious because they were committed by a policeman.

Parsons, aged 34, of Llys Newydd, Llanelli, Dyfed, sold some of the goods to colleagues at his station. He was found guilty of 14 theft charges, *one of attempted* theft and another of deception.

He was caught when colleagues became suspicious after he sold four second-hand cameras to policemen and gave another one away. He was followed on the beat and arrested after being seen taking a camera from a Volvo car.

Parsons, who denied the thefts, was commended twice during his 10-year career, stole from cars while he was stationed at Swansea.

● Police Constable Paul Gamble, aged 32, of Orchard Avenue, Blackpool, who who turned thief while investigating a shop burglary was sent to prison for three months at Preston Crown Court yesterday.

Gamble, who is also a professional *Rugby League* player with the Springfield Borough club admitted helping himself to £19 from the till, a bottle of brandy and two packets of cigarettes.

European links urged for privatized Rover

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

Austin Rover should link up with European, rather than Japanese car manufacturers when it is privatized, the Italian Fiat concern has urged.

In spite of Austin Rover's collaboration with Honda on the design and manufacture of several models, Mr Cesare Romiti, managing director of *Fiat*, said the company should find a Continental partner to strengthen the European industry.

Asked if Fiat was interested in taking a share in Austin Rover, which the British Government is to sell off by 1992, Mr Romiti said his firm would prefer joint ventures on individual car models.

Mercedes-Benz was recently criticized by Iveco, a truck subsidiary owned by Fiat, and Leyland Daf for collaborating with Mitsubishi on a new range *of light* vans before seeking a European partner.

At one time, Austin Rover's long-term strategy included collaborating with Honda on car body design, with Peugeot on gearboxes and with Volkswagen on engines.

Mr Romiti's remarks reinforce the growing opinion *among industry* executives that as the EEC moves towards a single open market in 1992 with uniform taxes and no national barriers, car makers should improve their links

Next year, Mr Graham Day, the chairman of Rover Group, will identify the options for the privatization of Austin *Rover. Honda and Chrysler* appear to have the best chance of a stake in the concern as experts believe there will be little interest from private investors.

Pressure in Argentina to restore trade links

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

Pressure is growing within the Argentine business community for the Government of President Alfonsin to restore trade links with Britain, according to Mr George Foulkes, Labour's spokesman on foreign affairs.

He has just returned from his third visit to Argentina since the Falklands conflict, when diplomatic relations *between the two countries* were broken. Mr Foulkes said the mood among ministers and officials in Buenos Aires towards Britain was more relaxed and flexible.

He said he thought Argentina may be considering moves towards restoring trading links with Britain, particularly as the business community was pressing for such a move.

He found in discussions in Buenos Aires that the issue of the sovereignty of the Falkland Islands "was not being pushed in such a strong way. I was suprised at the degree of flexibility and much more relaxed approach being shown towards the United Kingdom".

THE BAR CONFERENCE

Lord Lane backs abolition of right to silence

Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, yesterday came out in favour of police calls for the abolition of the suspect's right of silence.

He also urged an end to trial by jury for petty theft; and for the prosecution to have an increased role in sentencing.

Lord Lane, giving the opening address at the two-day Bar Conference in London, also attacked the Lord Chancellor's "unacceptable" proposals for reforming the civil courts, saying that they represented a takeover by the Government of the judiciary and seemed designed to "save the executive trouble and money at the expense of an efficient and independent judiciary".

On the issue of the suspect's right to silence, Lord Lane said that today's criminal was no longer the "*Bill Sykes*" type, with a bag marked "swag", usually illiterate and unable to give evidence on his own behalf.

Nowadays they "were believed to be something in the city" and were dealing in heroin and cocaine. "I doubt whether that type of defendent or any present-day type of defendent requires the protective shield which the illiterate Bill Sykes was given . . . the right to decline to give any explanation of his action without the jury being able to take into account such coyness as one of the factors in determining his guilt or not."

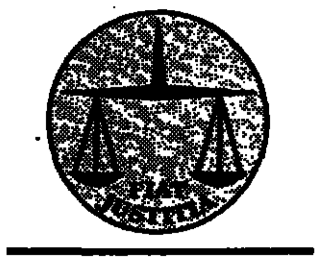
If the aim of the criminal law was to acquit the innocent and convict the guilty rather than "skilful handicapping of the race", reform might well be required, and the proposal to abolish the right of silence should be given serious consideration.

He asked whether the innocent accused person had anything to fear from having to *give an account of himself.* "The answer seems to be only very, very rarely, if ever."

Turning to trial by jury for petty theft, Lord Lane said that more than ten years ago the James Committee had recommended that thieves be tried by a magistrate and have no right to elect jury trials.

"Still nothing has happened and still people complain, and rightly, about the delays in criminal trials. But the great British public cannot have it both ways. Either you put petty thefts where I believe they belong, in the magistrates' courts, or continue to incur unwarrantable expense and unwarrantable delays. The purse is not bottomless, nor is the supply of courts and judges." Ending jury trial for petty thefts seemed the obvious solution.

Lord Lane said that there was a "breathtaking confusion" of sentencing options now open to judges. Not so long ago their options were limited to a bind-over, fine, flogging, transportation or hanging, but now there was a huge range of options "hedged about with conditions of precedent" and it was often very difficult to know where in the hierarchy some slotted in.



Reports by Frances Gibb Legal Affairs Correspondent

As a result, the Court of Appeal had coming before it a "steady flow of illegal sentences". These were perfectly understandable but need not and should not have happened and they cost time and money.

All this pointed to the need for the crown court judge or recorder to have greater assistance from prosecuting council, Lord Lane said. It was almost as important to get the sentence right as it was to get the conviction or aquittal right, but at present, once a jury had announced its verdict of guilty, the prosecuting counsel felt "a warm glow of contentment" and took no further part in the *proceedings. But "why should the* judge not have the help of the prosecution at this stage if he requires it?"

No one was suggesting that prosecuting council would "thump the desk and demand the blood of the defendent or 25 years in jail. But he could give help to the judge on *relevant guide line cases*, or on information such as the defendant's means.

The Lord Chief Justice said that proposals from the Lord Chancellor's Department to merge the High Court and County Court into one system, presided over by a collegiate of senior judges headed by the Lord Chancellor, would lead to the executive encroaching far too much on the judiciary. "It would place the Lord Chancellor in an impossible situation and would have all the marks of a takeover."

Lord Lane: also criticized the Lord Chancellor's reforms.

QC urges action on bank fraud

Tougher measures against international bank fraud were *called for by Mr Peter* Creswell, QC, at the conference.

Banks offering the electronic transfer of clients' funds were at the same time providing a vehicle which could be used for fraud. Criminals could move the proceeds of their deception around the world *in a matter of minutes.*

"The thief, the drug trafficker, the dishonest employee (whether of a company or a bank) will attempt to put the proceeds of their crime in a safe jurisdiction as quickly as possible."

There were great difficulties in tracing and recovering *money once it was outside the* jurisdiction of the English courts, he said. Indemnities from English banks or insurance companies, backed by a counter-indemnity of the person defrauded, were sometimes effective in recovering funds.

Further action was needed. "Not enough attention is being given to the problem of tackling international fraud by the international banking community and by governments in a number of jurisdictions."

● The expansion of fraud in the insurance market was partly due to the growth of the market itself, Mr Andrew Longmore, QC, told the conference.

Huge sums of money were paid in premiums and formed a constant temptation to dishonest people. A second factor was the "surprisingly informality of the London market".

"Complicated risks involving great sums of money are often written on a single piece of paper."

He said that in other markets such as the United States much more would be written down and there may be fewer opportunites for fraud. Speed and informality, however, were sacrificed.

'Official' obstacles to equality

The Government is the most serious obstacle to effective equality laws based on European Community law, Mr David Pannick, a barrister and fellow of All Souls' College, Oxford, said.

He told the conference that although the Government had finally amended the equal pay laws so that women could bring claims of equal pay for work of equal value, they were so complicated that few did so.

In three and a half years since the equal value law was introduced, only a handful of claims has been determined.

"The complexity of the law, both as to substance and as to procedure, is such that few legal advisers, and even fewer employers and trade union officials, can hope to understand what is going on."

A large number of claims was pending before industrial tribunals awaiting the determination by higher courts of the loopholes which employers and their advisers had been able to find in the drafting of the amendments to the equal pay law.

There were also two cases pending in the House of Lords and one in the Court of Appeal. The cases would determine "whether the equal value law has practical efficacy in remedying sex discrimination in pay in the next decade."

He added that in North America employers had good financial reasons to comply. If they did not, they faced class actions and multi-million dollar exemplary damages.

In the United Kingdom employers knew that if they contravened the relevant statutes they faced an industrial tribunal claim with a maximum award of £8,500.

He also said that English judges still tended to regard submissions on community law as a novelty to be treated with suspicion. Too many were reluctant to comply with their duty to construe community law purposefully.

Conveyancing services

Solicitors' fees have fallen by a third

Government proposals to prevent building societies and banks offering conveyancing services to their borrowers came under attack from a QC at the conference.

The prohibition was "frankly absurd", Mr William Goodhart, QC, said. "The main demand for building societies to provide conveyancing services would come from borrowers."

If building societies were able to do conveyancing for borrowers, the cost of the conveyancing could be added to the borrowing and repaid in *instalments, he said.*

There would also be some reduction in duplication of conveyancing work, in the way that many borrowers rely on the building society's survey rather than commissioning their own.

Mr Goodhart added that there would be "conflict of interest" but not as serious as the Law Society made out.

"A more serious problem is that if building societies took over a large proportion of residential conveyancing, the effect on some solicitors could be devastating."

That was particularly so in "*smaller towns where legal* services were provided by perhaps two or three firms, all heavily dependent on conveyancing."

The Government is expected to publish soon the rules under the Building Societies' Act 1986 which will authorize financial institutions to provide conveyancing services.

The competition from licensed conveyancers has already had a "dramatic effect" on solicitors' fees which had fallen by roughly one third., Mr Goodhart said.

However a "far more serious threat lurking round the corner" was that of competition from building societies and other lending instituitions.

He also called for conveyancing in England and Wales to be speeded up rather than replaced with a house-buying system like that in Scotland.

The house buyer's night*mare of being gazumped* should be tackled by such measures as computerization of local authority searches to cut delays from weeks to seconds.

Another measure being encouraged was the issuing of mortgage certificates by building societies, guaranteeing *buyers a loan up to a stated* sum before they start house-hunting.

The Scottish system, highlighted in a recent paper from the Government's conveyancing standing committee, was not an "automatic" solution to our problems and could not be imposed by law, Mr Goodhart said.

It *had the* benefit that conveyancing was quicker and gazumping "apparently unknown", he said.

However it depended on the ability of local authorities to answer inquiries more quickly than in England and on the willingness of lending institutions to commit themselves quickly.

There were also drawbacks: an unsuccessful underbidder might have wasted the cost of valuation and survey.

Since chains were impossible, someone wanting to move house had to decide whether to sell his existing property before buying a new *one, in which case he risked* temporary homelessness; or to buy first, in which case he risked owning two houses and the expense of a bridging loan, Mr Goodhart said.

"My own view is that the way forward is probably by speeding up our existing system rather than introducing a wholly new one."

The Law Commission was in the middle of an "impressive" and "massive" programme of reform in this area and had produced a "stream of working papers and reports on conveyancing and on the law of property generally", he said.

However there was one "notable omission" in the working papers and reports: they failed to touch on "the most serious of all modern conveyancing problems, the length of the gap between the *making of an agreement sub*ject to contract and the actual exchange of contracts.

Mr Goodhart said there was *no miracle cure but there* were some important steps which could be taken to alleviate them.

He said that the Conveyancing Standing Committee had taken one useful step which was *to encourage the issue by* building societies of mortgage certificates.

That would guarantee to a purchaser, before he starts house-hunting, a loan up to a stated sum.

For local authority searches and inquiries, "perhaps the worst single source of delay", the obvious answer was computerization. That had been recognized by the standing committee.

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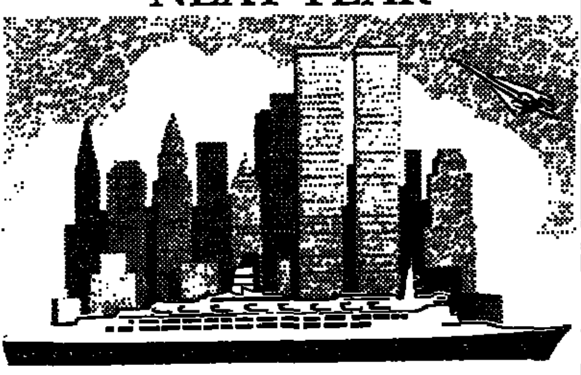

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WORLD SUMMARY

Both sides deny ANC contact

Johannesburg – The South African Government has denied that it is trying to arrange secret talks with the outlawed African National Congress (Michael Hornsby writes). The Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, declared that the Government stood firm on its policy of not dealing with people who used violence.

The latest flurry of speculation about alleged contacts between Pretoria and the ANC has come from Harare, the Zimbabwe capital, where Mr Oliver Tambo, the ANC president, and other leading members of his organization are attending an anti-apartheid conference.

● *HARARE:* Mr Tambo denied the report, but said that an ANC member received a private approach in mid-July from a South African who said that a South African minister wished to meet the ANC (Michael Hartnack writes).

Paris press stoppage

Paris – No newspapers appeared in Paris yesterday because of a 24-hour printing strike by the Communist-backed CGT union (Susan MacDonald writes).

The strike was in protest at alleged police brutality on Thursday, when four CGT members appeared in court at Le Mans. They were found guilty of organizing an illegal strike in 1981 and had refused to pay fines.

Police used tear gas to try to clear the court when it was invaded by 200 CGT supporters. Five people, including two policemen, were injured in fighting.

Glasnost phone-in

Moscow (Reuter) – A live international phone-in programme between the Soviet Union and three American cities in New York State is to be broadcast on Soviet and US radio tomorrow, according to Tass.

From 6 pm to 8 pm Moscow time tomorrow anyone in the Soviet Union will be able to call American citizens in the cities of Binghamton, Rochester and Buffalo, using a satellite link. Their calls will also be broadcast by a US commercial station. The subjects will be education, family, professions and social issues.

Fresh blow for Kohl

Bonn – Chancellor Kohl of West Germany refused to comment yesterday after his troubled Christian Democrats were struck another blow when Herr Uwe Barschel, the Prime Minister of Schleswig-Holstein, announced his resignation after allegations that he used "dirty tricks" against his Social Democrat challenger in the state election this month (John England writes).

Although he protested his personal innocence, Herr Barschel, aged 43, told a press conference in Kiel that he was assuming political responsibility for the affair in which Herr Björn Engholm, the Social Democrat candidate, was followed by detectives investigating his sex life.

Return of gunman

Tokyo – An unknown gunman has made a second attack on the newspaper, Asahi Shimbun (David Watts writes). In the first incident, in May, one of its journalists was murdered.

This time, a masked man fired shots in a dormitory used by employees of the daily at Nagoya, in central Japan, and the police are seeking a link between the two attacks. It is already clear that similar shotguns were used in both incidents.

No one was injured in the second shooting. As the gunman fled, he also fired at a nearby building.

Calvi cash tussle

Luxembourg (Reuter) – The widow of Roberto Calvi began a court battle here yesterday against demands that she repay losses of £853 million arising from the collapse of her husband's Banco Ambrosiano.

Calvi was found hanged under Blackfriars Bridge in London shortly before the Italian bank crashed in 1982.

Liquidators of Banco Ambrosiano Holding (Luxembourg) SA have demanded that Signora Clara Canetti, widow and sole heir of Calvi, repays losses made by the holding company when its Italian parent collapsed.

President to retire

Peking (AP) – President Li Xiannian of China, right, yesterday said he will retire from the Politburo Standing Committee, the pinnacle of party power, and wants to retire as President.

Mr Li, aged 81, has already said he wants to quit the committee, but has not commented before on the presidency, a largely ceremonial post. He is expected to be one of several elderly leaders to retire at next month's party congress.

Reagan keeps a wary eye on that 'evil empire'

In the hubbub of shouted one-liners that now passes for a presidential press conference in Washington, one needling, insistent question finally caught President Reagan's attention as he attempted to slip away after announcing the "historic" agreement to conclude an arms control treaty: Was the Soviet Union still an evil empire?

"Well, I don't think it's lily-white," he said. Indeed he does not. And only three days later he told the world, from the rostrum of the UN General Assembly, that the yearnings of the human heart were "putting the lie to the myth of materialism and historical determination", that the dictatorship of party, class or vanguard was intolerable; and that the economies of oppressive governments would fall farther and farther behind, while their people became more restless and began to curse.

It was not quite evil-empire stuff – the Soviet Union was not mentioned by name. Indeed, Mr Reagan said he was intensely interested in glasnost, and hoped it would bring the changes, at home and abroad, implied by the meaning of the word.

But he did not sound convinced. And his swipes at the code words of Soviet ideology were pointedly contrasted with Western, pluralistic democracy and the world-wide benefits he said flowed from the free market system. And it was backed up with sharp denunciations of the brutal war in Afghanistan and a sham democratization in Nicaragua.

It jarred oddly with the optimistic statements in Washington that greeted the hard-won conclusion of

Washington View

By Michael Binyon

the elusive arms deal. Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, was sufficiently rankled to scrap his original speech and reply, with controlled but icy sarcasm, to the President's salvoes.

His most telling shot was to invoke Dr Andrei Sakharov, whose speech on human rights in accepting the 1975 Nobel Peace Prize was quoted at length by Mr Reagan, to rebut the President's defence of Star Wars. "If we are to believe an academician in one area, why shouldn't we believe him in another area – where he is really a qualified expert?"

But though the exchange gave an eerie impression of a sudden switch in traditional roles – the American speech dogmatic and predictable, the Soviet reply honed with finesse to the occasion – Mr Reagan and his advisers knew very well what they were doing.

They were out to dampen any rising euphoria. Americans, as Mr Reagan has seen to his cost, are given to wild swings of mood and opinion. The last thing he wants is a media-led stampede into spontaneous fraternization with Moscow, a national chorus of "Happy Days Are Here Again", or any return to the political vocabulary of that dread word détente.

Almost all Americans, Democrats and Republicans, believe they were "suckered" the last time round. True, the expectations of Nixon's détente were unreasonable, the assumption that Moscow would change its behaviour unjustified. But the let-down, therefore, was all the more bitter and the domestic fall-out all the more damaging to

Moscow – Tass accused the Reagan Administration yesterday of lying in *contending that* Moscow was delaying implementation of a United Nations-ordered ceasefire in the Gulf War (Reuter reports). Commenting on President Reagan's call for Moscow *to co-operate.* Tass said: "Lies and deception are still being used . . . The head of the White House made impermissibly gross attacks on the Soviet Union, falsely accusing it of tactical delays in implementing UN Security Council *resolution 598* . . ."

liberals and pragmatists.

This time the Administration is determined to get it right. In arms control, it insists on the most stringent verification, so that nobody can throw back in Reagan's face his old accusation that the Kremlin was allowed to get away with cheating. In other fields, including human rights and bilateral relations, the US now insists that deeds must follow promises. Moscow cannot be allowed to use a fuzzy good feeling to mask its bad old ways. All this demands patience and vigilance.

In this, Mr Reagan is helped by the European allies. Their welcome of the arms agreement is sincere but far from ecstatic. Lord Carrington voiced the military fears even as the deal was announced. European leaders do not want the US public overplaying a deal which immensely complicates the task of beefing up conventional defence.

Perhaps even Moscow understands Mr Reagan's need for caution. It has decided that only he can deliver treaty ratification by the Senate – and it has seen how even this President is now under attack by conservatives who regard the agreement as a sell-out. It knows that most of the UN address was for domestic consumption, a bit of flag-waving and a show of toughness in a forum which neither side seems to take seriously.

The very day after Mr Shevardnadze delivered his riposte, he was engaged in substantial discussions with Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, over the Gulf. It looks odd to the world. But the measure of trust between the two men has survived the polemics. Both sides knew it would.

Power struggle in Washington

White House fights Bill which could end Gulf escort role

From Michael Binyon
Washington

President Reagan will veto a defence appropriations Bill if it contains a proposal that could end the US escorts of reflagged Kuwaiti tankers in the Gulf, the White House said yesterday.

Mr Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, called the legislation, proposed by Democrats in the Senate, "highly irresponsible" and added: "Iran must be overjoyed at the prospect of passage as our friends around the world are dismayed."

He said the amendment, which was debated yesterday, "would pull the rug out from under the US and our friends in the Persian Gulf. It could have the ultimate effect of achieving the Ayatollah's purposes and forcing the US entirely out of the Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman."

Wrangling continued in the Senate yesterday, and hopes of a compromise acceptable to the Administration faded as the Republicans strongly opposed the latest Democratic moves to compel President Reagan to justify to Congress the naval escort of the reflagged Kuwaiti tankers. If the President did not satisfy the Democratic-controlled Senate, he would be obliged to halt the operation within 90 days of the legislation.

The *Ministry of Defence* has issued advice for merchant vessels in the Gulf, suggesting that a sandbagged "safety area" could be set up for the crew and that rapid evacuation drills should be practised (Andrew McEwen writes). Ships were advised to contact the Armilla Patrol when approaching the Strait of Hormuz. Vessels should operate during daylight when near Kuwait, Farsi Island or the *Ras Tannurah* area.

The Senate proposal is similar to the War Powers Resolution, which Mr Reagan has refused to invoke, but would apply only to the ships involved in oil convoys. If the amendment to the defence authorization Bill is passed, the President would be given 30 days to report to Congress – instead of two days.

The administration however still believes this puts a dangerous time limit on the deployment of US naval forces in the Gulf. Senator John Warner, a former Republican Navy Secretary, denounced the amendment as "War Powers II" and has threatened to carry out a filibuster.

Senator Robert Byrd, the Democratic Majority Leader, said that "hostilities have now occurred", fulfilling conditions laid out by the War Powers Resolution. "Instead of the blunt instrument of the War Powers Act, this amendment will act as a scalpel. It will place emphasis on the convoy and escort of reflagged tankers, not on the overall US commitment," he said.

Navy shield for Soviet ships

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

A rare insight into Soviet maritime operations in the Gulf was provided yesterday by the trade union newspaper, *Trud*, which reported on life on board the three Soviet tankers leased to Kuwait earlier this year as part of Moscow's efforts to keep its oil shipments moving.

The Soviet Union makes little public reference to its naval presence in the Gulf, preferring to concentrate on attacks on the alleged build-up of American and other Western navies in the region.

Trud quoted the captain of the Soviet tanker Marshal Chuykov, which was damaged by a mine in May, as saying that he was in constant contact with Soviet naval vessels on patrol in the Gulf. The Soviet Union has admitted having six naval vessels there, but some Western defence sources believe that this number may recently have increased to nine.

"Do our sailors help you a lot?" Captain Vyacheslav Mordintsev was asked by radio telephone from the Black Sea port of Novorossiysk. "Yes. Very much," he replied. "The patrol ship, Ladoga, and the naval ship, Fighting, constantly maintain contact with us. They are always ready to protect us from patrol boats with unclear intentions."

According to the Western sources, the Soviet naval presence in the Gulf includes three minesweepers, two frigates and an intelligence-gathering vessel.

Captain Mordintsev said that his most difficult episode came in May, after his tanker hit a mine and had to go to Dubai for repairs. He specifically avoided blaming any particular country for the incident.

Wright savours ruling

Mr Peter Wright, the 71-year-old former MI5 counter-espionage agent, relaxing at his home in Tasmania yesterday after the Government had lost its latest court attempt to halt the publication by Heinemann of Australia of his memoires, *Spycatcher*.

However, the Government yesterday moved to make a last-ditch attempt in the Australian High Court to stop publication of the book (Reuter reports from Sydney). It applied for leave to appeal within 24 hours of a panel of three judges turning down its plea to ban the book which has been the centre of a two-year legal battle. Three New South Wales Appeal Court judges on Thursday gave the Government until Monday to take its case to the High Court or allow Mr Wright to release his memoires in Australia through the Heinemann publishing company.

Lawyers representing the Government also lodged an application at the High Court registry to extend the deadline. Court officials said this application, which sought to maintain the injunction on *Spycatcher* until the final outcome of the new appeal, would be heard by a High Court judge in Canberra on Monday.

Anger at Peck 'slur' on Bork

From Michael Binyon
Washington

The White House yesterday angrily attacked Gregory Peck, the film star, for taking part in television advertisements against Judge Robert Bork.

Mr Marlin Fitzwater, the spokesman, said: "The liberal special interest groups are producing slick, shrill advertising campaigns that not only purposely distort the judge's record, they play on people's emotions as only propaganda campaigns can.

"To say that Americans will lose their freedoms, as these advertisements claim, is patently outrageous and deliberately untrue. Gregory Peck ought to be ashamed."

After two weeks of nationally televised hearings, public support for Judge Bork has fallen slightly, while the numbers opposed to his confirmation as a Supreme Court justice have risen.

A poll suggested that 44 per cent now approve of his nomination, compared with 45 per cent when he began his testimony. But the undecided voters have joined the opposition, increasing it from 40 to 48 per cent. Among Democrats, according to a Washington Post survey, opposition to Judge Bork has surged from 56 per cent in August to 71 per cent now.

After a break on Thursday for the Jewish New Year, the hearings resumed yesterday with more American Bar Association leaders testifying for and against Judge Bork.

The hearings will continue next week, and will probably still be going on when the Supreme Court, now with only eight members, opens its new term on October 5.

Cuba to free political prisoners

From Alan Tomlinson, Miami

About 350 political prisoners in Cuba are to be allowed to leave the island with their families soon for exile in the United States.

The group is the largest to be freed during years of sour relations between Havana and Washington. More releases are expected in the coming months in what is, apparently, an attempt by Cuba to improve its tarnished human rights image by ridding its jails of long-term inmates.

A Cuban official in Washington would say only that Havana wants to reduce its overall prison population to a minimum. The first of the 350 are expected to begin arriving here by the end of the month. They will travel with their families in small groups, in what sources describe as an effort by the Cubans to avoid undue publicity.

Among them are many of the last of the older generation of anti-Castro dissidents who have spent up to 27 years in jail. Most are in their fifties to seventies, and they include *Los Plantados*, who have refused steadfastly to join rehabilitation programmes as a condition of their freedom. Cuba has been unwilling to release its most obstinate dissidents into its own society, and deep hostility between the Castro Government and the Reagan Administration has, until recently, stood in the way of their release to the United States.

US officials are currently interviewing those still in prison to determine their eligibility for refugee status. Their release comes as a result of talks between President Castro and representatives of the Catholic Church in the United States, rather than any thaw in official relations.

A State Department spokesman said: "Although we welcome the news, we do not believe it signals a fundamental change in relations between the United States and Cuba."

Cuba has long been criticized for the stiffness of its prison sentences for political offences, and its refusal to grant human rights organizations access to its jails. This summer, however, one US human rights group and a number of other independent observers were allowed to make such visits.

One of them was Mr Wayne Smith, former chief of the US Interests Section in Cuba. "It seems to me that the intention of the Cuban Government is to get rid of all their political prisoners," he said. "I think it has occurred to them that holding them really damages the image of Cuba to an extent that is far beyond any case for holding them."

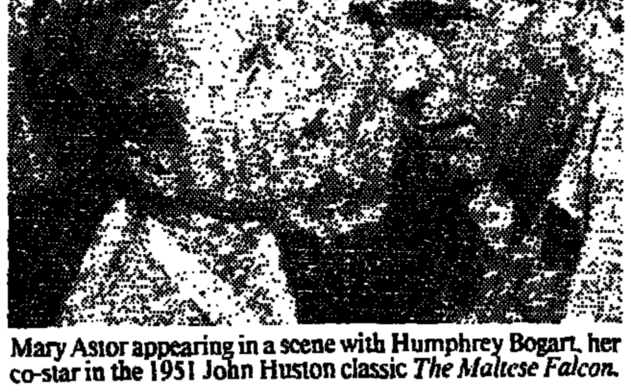
Mr Smith estimates there may be 1,000 political prisoners left in Cuba. He believes they will all be released over the next six to 12 months.

Dark-eyed Hollywood temptress dies

Los Angeles (AP) – Mary Astor, the dark-eyed temptress of *The Maltese Falcon* and star of dozens of other films in a career which lasted 42 years, died of natural causes at the Motion Picture Country Hospital in Woodland Hills early yesterday, aged 81. A spokesman at the hospital declined to reveal the nature of her illness.

Miss Astor, who had lived at the film industry's retirement home for some time, made her screen début in the silent era at the age of 14. Her films included *Dodsworth*, with Walter Huston, *Prisoner of Zenda*, with Ronald Coleman, and *The Great Lie*, with Bette Davis, for which she won an Academy Award.

But she was best known as the scheming adventuress who killed private detective Sam Spade's partner in *The Maltese Falcon*, a 1941 John Huston classic which co-starred Humphrey Bogart, Sydney Greenstreet and Peter Lorre.



Mary Astor appearing in a scene with Humphrey Bogart, her co-star in the 1951 John Huston classic *The Maltese Falcon*.

Miss Astor was born Lucile Langhanke in Quincy, Illinois, on May 3, 1906, an only child. Her father, a German immigrant, was quick to realize the money-making potential of his beautiful daughter. He moved the family to Chicago, where Lucile took drama lessons, and then to New York and Hollywood. She was given a contract – and a new name – in 1920.

As films made the transition to sound in 1929, Miss Astor found herself out of work for 10 months. "I was fired," she recalled later. "I was a silent actress and I had made a bad sound test. So I decided I had better get some stage training. I did a play with Edward Everett Horton, and in five weeks I was back in pictures."

In 1949, Miss Astor was placed in a treatment centre for alcoholics. In 1951, police reported she had attempted suicide by taking an overdose of sleeping pills, her third overdose in two years, but she insisted it was an accident. In 1953, she had to turn to the Motion Picture Relief Fund to help pay her bills.

She said her recovery was thanks to the Rev Peter Ciklic, a priest-psychologist based at Loyola University in Los Angeles. He encouraged her to write down her experiences as part of her therapy, and this formed the basis of her autobiography in 1959.

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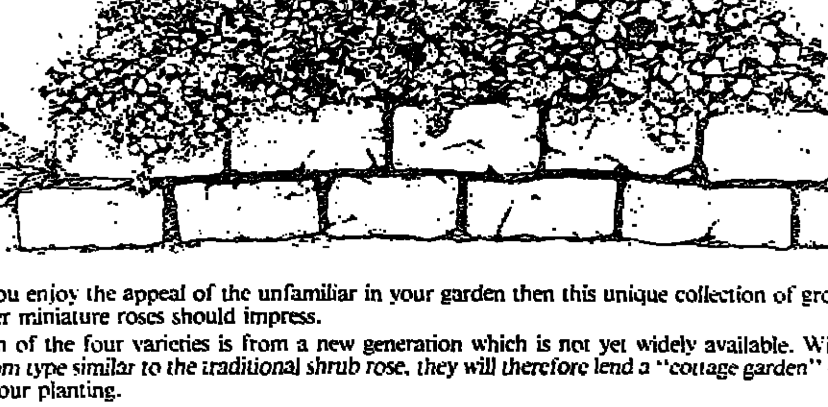

Gorbachov follows the Lenin line and allows private shops

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The Soviet Union is to get its first privately-run shops for more than 60 years under the latest economic reform designed to improve the sorry lot of the average Soviet consumer and extend the limited legalization of private enterprise introduced last May.

A communiqué issued by the Politburo said that the decision to sanction the setting up of the new shops had been approved as part of a package aimed "for the better organization of sales of goods manufactured by co-operatives and citizens engaged in individual labour."

The shops will be the first private trading outlets in the communist state since the days of Lenin's New Economic Policy, when small private shops flourished until they were all shut down by Stalin who permitted only shops run by the state.

According to the Politburo, Soviet citizens will now be free to rent shops and kiosks and use space allotted to them in some of the state-run stores in order to sell their produce. At present, the only outlets for selling goods produced under the new individual labour law have been markets.

The measure was seen as a significant expansion of Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's attempts to streamline the Soviet economy by increasing personal initiative. It follows the example set in some parts of Eastern Europe where small private outlets are tolerated in order to compensate for the poor quality of goods and frequent shortages in the state-run shops.

The communiqué, released after the Politburo's regular weekly meeting did not specify what type of goods would be sold in the new shops or how many of them will be permitted to open. Western economic experts expect them to sell mainly handicrafts, home-made clothing and foodstuffs.

The decision to allow private enterprise to return to the retail trade, which is notorious for its inefficiency and the studied indifference of sales staff, was warmly welcomed yesterday by many ordinary Muscovites who expressed the hope that they would encourage better service all-round.

"The new co-operative-run restaurants in Moscow have already shown what can be done by a different way of running things," one Moscow housewife said. "But the problem is that there is not enough of them. I am afraid that the same could happen with the shops."

The law to legitimize certain forms of individual enterprise and encourage co-operative ownership has run into stiff bureaucratic resistance, with local officials often imposing impossible conditions on people seeking to take advantage of it. A number of co-operatives have been criticized in the official media for overcharging.

Soviet polls have shown that millions of citizens would like to take advantage of the new law and set up private businesses.

Moscow hits at Soviet abortion rate

Moscow – The Soviet Union's exceptionally high abortion rate was strongly criticized by *Izvestia* (Christopher Walker writes).

It called for the mass provision of contraceptives and a proper family planning service to overcome the problem.

Nedelya, the daily's weekly supplement, disclosed that in 1978-79 the annual abortion rate was 102.4 for every 1,000 Soviet women of child-bearing age, compared with a figure of 11.4 for Britain and 5.9 for West Germany.

The newspaper said: "It appears that, unlike many other countries, we do not give enough attention to modern forms of contraception. While our birthrate is still falling, abortion has become the main method for controlling it."

Abortion is available on demand in the Soviet Union.

Mrs Kinnock listening to testimony by William Modebedi, aged 11, who said he was given electric shocks while detained.

Mrs Kinnock hears details of torture

From A Correspondent
Harare

Young South Africans yesterday described incidents of torture, beatings, electric shock treatment, and prolonged solitary confinement to an international conference on children, repression and the law under apartheid.

Mrs Glenys Kinnock, wife of the Leader of the Opposition and a trustee of the Bishop Ambrose Reeves Foundation which organized the conference, sat beside the young blacks, intervening when an 11-year-old boy, William Modebedi, was unable to complete his testimony.

"This is a big ordeal for a child of 11," said Mrs Kinnock. "I think we should maybe stop here because he has obviously had a hard time."

The boy's mother, Mrs Sophia Modebedi, then testified that when her son was released from custody he told her of being shown corpses in a police mortuary before interrogation sessions. Mrs Modebiedi said her son was subjected to electric shocks and had teeth knocked out.

William himself said he was picked up in a dawn swoop on his Johannesburg home and was questioned, along with his older brother and sisters, about setting fire to cars.

Three witnesses, with ages ranging from 16 to 22, described electric shock torture and how they were forced to stare into powerful lights. All have since fled South Africa and live in exile in African National Congress "transit camps" or training schools in Zambia and Tanzania.

Mrs Kinnock also presented to the 400 delegates a 13-year-old South African girl, Nthabaseng Mabusa, who was shot twice during a South African raid on the Botswana capital, Gaborone.

Now paralysed from the waist down and confined to a wheelchair, she is receiving therapy in Harare. She believed that the South Africans came to her home seeking members of the outlawed African National Congress.

Mrs Kinnock said the sufferings of the children were deeply moving. She said: "We wish others, too, could be here, who argue for understanding the difficulties of the white minority regime and say they should be given time."

Israel's nuclear secrecy attacked

Vienna (AFP) – The International Atomic Energy Agency yesterday asked Israel to submit its nuclear energy facilities to international control and voiced concern over "deeply disquieting" reports that Israel has nuclear bombs.

The IAEA also mandated its Director-General to prepare a report on the Israeli nuclear threat for its annual conference in 1988.

The resolution was introduced by 13 mostly Arab countries and passed by a vote of 48 to 29, with the United States and most Western European countries voting against it.

Mission raid

Lisbon (Reuter) – Right-wing rebels attacked a Methodist mission in Mozambique's Inhambane province this week, killing 28 people and kidnapping a number of nurses and teachers, the Portuguese news agency Lusa reported.

Drug sentence

Sydney (AFP) – Richard Doney, a 40-year-old Sydney freight operator who smuggled two tonnes of cannabis worth £106 million into Australia on board a container ship from Pakistan, has been jailed for 20 years.

Fatal brew

Peking (Reuter) – China has executed two men who mixed methanol with home-made rice wine that killed 33 people, blinded 12 and put 227 in hospital in Guangxi region.

Battery vote

Stockholm (Reuter) – The national congress of Sweden's ruling Social Democratic Party has voted to ban the battery-rearing of chickens.

Visas go

Helsinki (AFP) – Finland and East Germany have agreed to abolish visas for their citizens visiting each other's country.

Cool cabbies

Amsterdam (Reuter) – Amsterdam has introduced psychological tests for prospective taxi drivers, seeking cabbies who are polite, careful and good-tempered when not given a tip.

Transkei homeland's political intrigue spills over into 'coup'

Chief Matanzima: under guard in South African hotel.

From Michael Hornsby
Johannesburg

The former government leader of the Transkei homeland, Chief George Matanzima, was under guard yesterday in a Port Elizabeth hotel while South African and Transkei homeland authorities continued to insist that no coup had taken place in the mini-state he previously ruled as a tribal fiefdom.

Mr R.F. "Pik" Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, issued a statement saying his department had been kept informed of events in Transkei, and had been assured by its ambassador in Umtata, the capital, that the government there was "functioning normally".

Home to some 3,000,000 Xhosa-speaking blacks, Transkei has been regarded by Pretoria since 1976 as an independent state, a status not recognized anywhere else.

The facts of Thursday's drama in Transkei, as far as they can be established, are that six ministers and two deputy ministers have been removed from office and are now confined to their homes. Officially, they are said to have "resigned". But, according to independent sources, soldiers went to their homes and forced them to sign letters of resignation.

Chief George Matanzima, according to one version, slipped through the security net, and fled to Port Elizabeth, though Major-General Bantu Holomisa, head of the homeland army, insists that the chief is only "on sick leave".

Transkei's President, Paramount Chief Tutor Ndamase, who asserted on Thursday night that "there is no coup in the country and nobody has been arrested", has appointed Chief Dumisani Gwadiso, aged 35, to be acting head of the government.

The upheaval in the mini-state came amid allegations of massive corruption involving Chief Matanzima and other ministers. Last week a commission of inquiry set up at South Africa's urging heard one witness tell how he had personally handed Chief Matanzima the equivalent of £300,000 as a "kickback" from a construction company awarded a contract to build 800 houses in Umtata.

The inquiry also disclosed details of how huge sums of money had been transferred abroad to a mysterious Lebanese company, supposedly to pay for grandiose construction projects, including the building of a harbour and an international airport.

The airport runway was eventually lengthened, but the work was done by a local South African company. No work has been done on the harbour at all. According to evidence before the inquiry, Chief Matanzima authorized the payments to the Lebanese concern.

General Holomisa has played a key role in recent events. Aged 31, he was appointed army commander earlier this year when he and a group of other soldiers critical of corruption in high places forced the authorities to expel 27 former white Rhodesian Selous Scouts.

Chief Matanzima had recruited the Scouts and was fatally weakened by their removal. Interest now centres on what move his elder brother, Paramount Chief Kaiser Matanzima, will make, as the first president of Transkei but of late in the political wilderness after falling out with Chief George.

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Second military coup in Fiji increases fears of communal violence

Rebel regime faces Pacific sanctions

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

Fiji's second coup since May *immediately* ran into broad hostility from its South Pacific neighbours, particularly Australia and New Zealand, who will now consider methods, including economic sanctions, of bringing the military regime swiftly to its knees.

Regional concern is compounded because Lieutenant-Colonel Sitiveni Rabuka's *coup* yesterday — *supported* by ethnocentric Fijian extremists — destroyed the bipartisan political consensus only just achieved after weeks of delicate negotiation.

Last night it was unofficially reported that Dr Timoci Bavadra, the former Prime Minister who was deposed in the first coup, on May 14, was again in detention.

But the Governor-General, Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, spoke by telephone to the Australian High Commis*sioner*, Mr John Piper, *after* the coup and did not appear to be under restrictions.

Rekindled tensions between Fijians and ethnic Indians make the situation more volatile than previously. Ethnic *Indians may renew* a *cam*paign of civil disobedience, while the extremist Fijian Taukei movement, which wants Indians repatriated, has previously resorted to assault, arson and looting.

Last night, the Australian Government deplored the *coup* and said it would *take* whatever steps were necessary to safeguard its citizens, between 2,000 and 3,000 of whom are taking advantage of the cheap package holidays in Fiji which were offered in an attempt *to attract* back *the* tourist trade.

*The New Zealand Govern*ment ordered an unarmed ship to the islands in case evacuation of its citizens became necessary.

Reasons for introducing *economic* sanctions against the new regime were not long in coming. Mr Don Dunstan, the former Premier of South Australia and now head of the Movement for Democracy in Fiji, said immediate and comprehensive sanctions by the Australian Government and trade union movement *could* quickly bring down the military leaders.

The Fijian economy has been under severe strain since the May coup and, even without the imposition of sanctions, the drain on foreign reserves will confront the *military's paymasters with the* problem of how to maintain a standing force estimated to have increased from about 2,000 members in May to more than 6,000.

Canberra (Reuter) — *Fijian* political leaders were warned several days ago that another military takeover would occur, according to a letter circulated by a Fijian group in Australia.

The Australian Associated Press said yesterday that it had been given a copy of the letter which purported to be written by a senior Fijian military officer four days previously. The letter, distributed by a group calling itself the *Fiji Independent News Service*, outlined destabilization plans by the extreme Taukei Movement to spark a coup, including a provision to murder Dr Timoci Bavadra, the ousted Prime Minister.

The coup was announced on radio by Colonel Rabuka, who had already signalled his displeasure with the "pass back to democracy" secured on Wednesday by Ratu Ganilau.

The Governor-General's bipartisan agreement had drawn Dr Bavadra and his predecessor, Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, into a caretaker government pending constitutional *changes and new elections.*

Colonel Rabuka said his *forces* had "*reasserted their* authority over the Goverment of Fiji". He said it had become clear to him that "recent developments" would not help the aims of his original coup, which had been to ensure that Fijians would remain in control of Parliament through constitutional change.

"I will be taking immediate steps to bring about the desired constitutional change in a manner which will bring about lasting peace and prosperity *in our beloved* country," Colonel Rabuka was quoted by Australian Associated Press as saying.

The coup leader, who is aged 39 and a Methodist lay-preacher, concluded: "God bless Fiji."

Shortly before the broad*cast, troops swooped on* the offices of Fiji's two newspapers and a commercial radio station, ordering editors, managers and staff at gunpoint to leave. Reporters had telephones snatched from *their hands.*

Telephone links with the outside world were *cut, and* a curfew between the hours of 8 pm and 5 am was imposed.

Soon afterwards, a witness said, about 40 troops arrived at the Suva home of Dr Bavadra and rampaged through the building.

Shots were fired and some damage caused, but nobody was injured. Dr Bavadra was said to have been detained as he was being driven from *Suva to his village of* Viseisei, on the western side of the main island, Viti Levu. According to unsourced reports, two judges and a newspaper editor were also detained.

If the dangers of serious communal violence are now *greater than at any time in the* Fijian crisis, so are the risks for Colonel Rabuka. He has openly broken with Ratu Ganilau, who is not only the Governor-General but his traditional paramount chief.

He has also broken with Ratu Mara who, as Prime Minister for 17 years, is a figure much respected by *moderate* Fijians.

Apart from the military. Colonel Rabuka's discernible power base is the Taukei, an extremist and racist group which last month caused *revulsion* in Suva, the capital, by staging an anti-Indian demonstration with unmistakable overtones of cannibalism.

Colonel Rabuka, above, waving to supporters yesterday in Suva, while Ratu Ganilau, top right, has seen his peace moves dashed with Dr Bavadra, bottom right, reportedly detained.

Lange deplores 'tragic' action

Wellington (Reuter) — Mr David Lange, the New Zealand Prime Minister, said yesterday *that Fiji's second* coup in five months was *deplorable and tragic.*

Mr Lange said there was no indication *that some* 1,000 New Zealanders in Fiji were under threat, but the Navy's unarmed survey ship, HMNZS Monowai, would leave for the Fiji area today. It could carry about 500 passengers *if required.*

Mr Lange added that no other ships would be sent and he said New Zealand would not intervene in Fiji militarily.

"It is tragic that at the very point when the Governor-General had brought together the rival political factions and *had secured their agreement* to set up an interim government designed to restore democracy, the military should have taken this deplorable action," Mr Lange said in a written statement.

Mr Lange told a news conference that the takeover was worse than the May 14 *coup because*, effectively, it meant that the Governor-General, Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, had been removed from office.

"In May, the authority of the Governor-General was respected and there was always therefore the prospect that . . . there could ultimately be a restoration to an acceptable form of parliamentary democracy," he said.

"The action of Colonel (Sitiveni) Rabuka strikes not just against the principle of parliamentary democracy but also goes to the core of the Constitution of Fiji."

Mr *Lange* said that the timing of the latest coup was no surprise. "If there was to be one, then it would have been after that agreement (on a coalition) had been reached and before it had a chance to capture *a degree of popular* support," he said.

Australia prepares evacuation fleet

Canberra (Reuter) — Mr Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister, said that his country would urgently review its relationship with Fiji after the second military coup in five months.

"The Government *will* be urgently reviewing policy towards Fiji in the light of this development and consulting with other interested countries, including those in the South Pacific," Mr Hawke said.

After the first coup Australia stopped military aid and suspended new development *projects.* .

Mr Hawke said that he had *instructed the* Navy to put ships on stand-by in Sydney, ready to evacuate Australians from Fiji. Any violence against Australians would not be tolerated, he added.

He said that he was shocked and saddened by the coup. "I believe all Australians will share this reaction," he said.

Mr Hawke said that the latest coup constituted use of illegitimate force to abort the formation of a compromise coalition which would have been a step forward in resolving the country's problems.

"That the Army has done this is, from *Australia's point* of view, deplorable," he said.

Suva's year of ethnic unrest

Suva (Reuter) — Chronology of the Fijian troubles in 1987:

April 12 An Indian-dominated coalition wins 28 of 52 seats to House of Representatives in general election, ousting the *Fijian-dominated* Alliance Party.

May 14 Lieutenant-Colonel Sitiveni Rabuka stages bloodless coup, bursts into Parliament with armed soldiers and kidnaps Dr Timoci Bavadra, Prime Minister, and Cabinet. Fiji military appoints interim government in defiance of Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, Governor-General.

May 15 Ratu Ganilau refuses *to swear in* military-backed interim Government.

May 17 Fiji judiciary declares military-backed Government illegal. Governor-General takes executive power, swearing in Colonel Rabuka to chair Council of Ministers.

May 18 Ratu Ganilau, as Commander-in-Chief of Armed Forces, orders troops back to barracks, release of Cabinet, lifting of press censorship and return to parliamentary *rule.*

May 20 Ratu Ganilau dissolves *Parliament, saying new* poll would be called.

May 21 *Dr Bavadra goes into* hiding after violence in Suva.

May 22 *Great Council* of Chiefs agrees with Governor-General on caretaker administration, with Ratu Ganilau as chief executive. Colonel Rabuka heads committee to revise Constitution.

May 24 Dr Bavadra announces boycott of interim administration.

July 15 Dr Bavadra says he will join Ratu Ganilau's constitutional review.

July 22 Council of Chiefs supports maintenance of links with British Crown, and shelves moves to declare Fiji a republic.

July 31 Colonel Rabuka officially sworn in as Commander-in-Chief of Fiji's security forces.

Aug 31 Ratu Ganilau proposes caretaker government to run country until parliamentary democracy isrestored.

September 11 Dr Bavadra returns to talks surrounded by body-guards.

September 22 Fiji's rival *political parties agree to form* caretaker Government, with equal representation, to help restore democracy.

September 25 Army re-assumes control in a second coup.

Bush campaigns in Europe

Vice-President Bush, right, being welcomed by Signor *Giovanni Spadolini, the* President of the Italian Senate, at Rome's Ciampino military airport yesterday at the start of his tour.

'Dull' candidate bound for Poland in search of stature

By Christopher Thomas, Washington

Vice-President *George* Bush, the front-runner for the Republican presidential nomination, leaves Italy for Poland today on the next leg of a whistle-stop European tour designed mainly to thrust him into the public eye.

Mr Bush, whose campaign has been *notable* for its extraordinary dullness, is taking *along a private* camera crew so that his meetings with international figures can be included in campaign films. His aides call it the "stature advantage", and his Downing Street talks with Mrs Thatcher on arms control and the Gulf next Thursday will be a highlight. He mentioned the Prime Minister's name repeatedly in interviews *before* he left Washington two days ago, no *doubt* aware *that* most Americans admire her.

Mr Bush is to *announce* his candidacy formally on October 12. Although still far ahead of his rivals, he has been slipping down the polls and has failed to make any interesting headlines or demonstrate conclusively that he can stand alone, outside the shadow of President Reagan.

He is the highest-ranking United States official to visit Poland since President Carter in 1977. The White House said his talks in Warsaw would be a key step in the improvement of relations between the two countries, which are once more about to exchange ambassadors.

Mr Victor Litwinski, a tall, *balding* man, will be the Vice-President's interpreter and will find himself under intense scrutiny, with Poles hanging on his every word.

The translator Mr Carter used turned *out to* be a disaster. He gave sexual nuances to Mr Carter's arrival remarks, translating as "lusts" the Polish "desires" which the President said he wanted to get to know. The translator used archaic expressions, and his language contained traces of Ukrainian, forcing the US to apologize to the Polish *Government. The* hapless man was fired.

Mr Litwinski, seems however, to be better qualified, having been a Warsaw University lecturer.

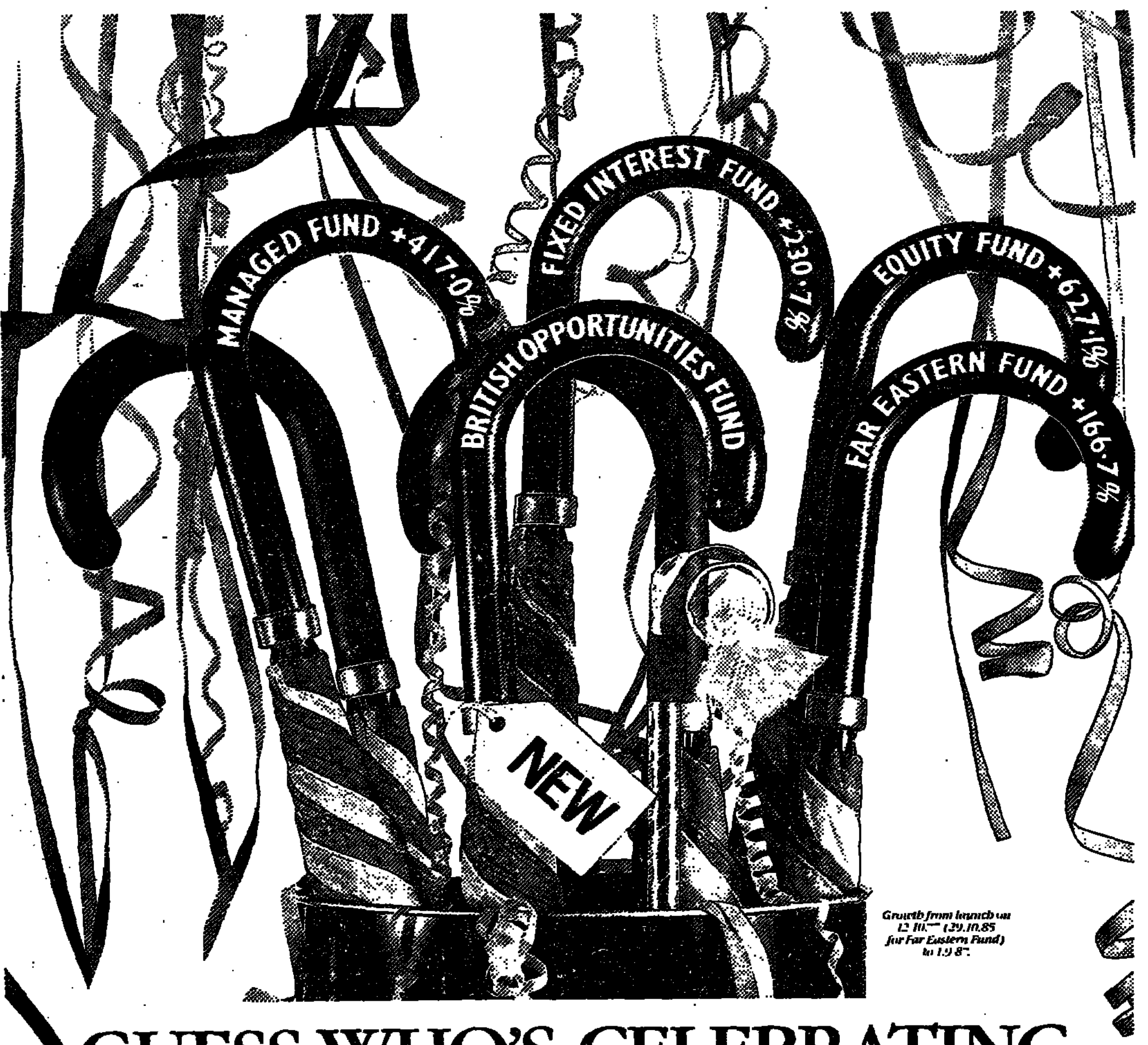
Mr Bush *insisted* that his European tour was "not just show business". He staunchly defended his use of a private camera team, saying that Senator Robert Dole, his closest rival, also took one to Nicaragua when he met President Ortega.

He conceded that so far his views had come across as "hazy" and said he intended to begin clarifying them. Senior aides, reflecting on *future* uses of the "stature advantage", are considering whether the Vice-President should tour the Far East before the Iowa caucuses in February.

***Mr Bush leaves Poland for* Bonn on Tuesday. Then, after less than 24 hours in London, he goes to Brussels. He returns to Washington today week.**

● WARSAW: Mr Bush's four-day visit to Warsaw is widely expected to cement US-Polish relations which have remained somewhat uneasy ever since the days of *martial* law (Richard Bassett writes).

In particular, *the* long-awaited restoration of full *diplomatic* relations is expected to be officially announced during the visit.



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Simon Barnes

Signing on for stardom

It's those with the fire signs – Leo, *Aries, Sagittarius – who tend to be* the real sporty types, especially athletes. "You couldn't get a more *typical Leo than Daley Thompson*," said Russell Grant, the astrologer. "Earth signs are more *spectator types: the ones that cheer* teams on." Earth signs being Taurus, Capricorn and Virgo. Virgos are also great health enthusiasts, like Colin Moynihan, the super-keen new Minister for Sport. Capricorns share with Scorpios a taste for endurance sports while the water signs, Pisces, Cancer and Scorpio, naturally go for water sports. Geminis tend to like racket sports, which suit their quick-witted natures, while Aquarians have a *place* in God's world as organizers. Librans like the gentler sports – bowls, croquet and golf. My conversation with Grant drifted, inevitably, on to star signs from the original main point: his recently-announced sponsorship of the Middlesex Senior Charity Cup for non-league football teams. He has a special affection for non-league football, with soft spots for Uxbridge, Rayners Lane and Harefield. What are their signs, I wonder?

● Quote of the week, from a Tewin Irregular after the last match of the season on Monday, a rain-sprinkled draw with Grub Street Casuals: "I wonder if my kit will dry out by next season . . ."

Talcing point

Stafford Rangers of the GM Vauxhall Conference recently suffered their sixth burglary in two years, losing two televisions and a fair amount of booze. While he was about it, the thief had a shower, borrowing the manager's washing bag for a touch of luxury. After that, ho ho, he got clean away. Complaints about this joke should be sent to the GM Vauxhall Conference spokesman who supplied it.

Starters

These days you even get *glasnost* in racing. Tomorrow, trainer Barry Hills is holding an open day at his yard at Manton, the very idea of which would have chilled his predecessors. Michael Dickinson, the most recent, was the last in a line of Manton governors obsessed with secrecy, even having a public footpath rerouted away from the gallops. George Todd locked up his lads at night. Alec Taylor used to open the lads' mail and when he saw any strangers near the gallops he would charge them on his hack, his hunting whip flailing. Now the last closed society is opening its doors.

BARRY FANTONI

'Great. We can pretend we're playing in Europe again'

Sweet fifteen

As the new rugby season gets into its stride, one of the quietest revolutions in sport continues. We all know about the meteoric rise of American football as a participant sport in Britain – but women's rugby has been growing just as quickly. At the end of the 1985 season there were 12 clubs; now there are 52, in two divisions. Some put up two teams a week, and a few, like Richmond, are considering a third. "When it comes to contact," says Pru Watkins of Richmond, "we are just as committed as the men. When we make a tackle, we mean it. But our game is less violent." The women's game is mostly about running, and kicking is a decided weakness. "Girls are not brought up to kick from the age of four," said Miss Watkins, "but we're getting there." And the men's attitude? "Naturally a lot of *them are pretty suspicious of us* but each club has enough people who are truly sympathetic and *who make it work.*"

● Those who failed to back Ashgate Comet, tipped *by my* racing snout last Saturday, please kick yourselves. It won at 9-4.

Pullen power

South Liverpool, of the Northern Premier League, may not be the biggest name in Merseyside football but has decided to become the nursery of the next generation of stars. It has established an under-*18 side* under the Youth Training Scheme whose members play, train, and learn about sport *management for two years.* The club that gave you John Aldridge and gentle Jimmy Case also plans to give you Phil Pullen *among* others. It was he who scored all three in his side's recent 3-3 draw with Liverpool's A team.

Averting a Fiji tragedy

Brian James warns of a fierce Indian reaction after the latest army coup

For many Fijians, the five months since *Colonel Sitiveni Rabuka* staged his coup, only to take his troops off the streets soon after, *have been a period of waiting* for the other army boot to drop. The colonel's second takeover yes*terday seemed probable, perhaps* inevitable, because the situation has not changed in a single *essential since the first.*

What we have been observing is a sort of ritual Fijian peace dance. *There has* been an earnest, good-hearted attempt to satisfy all with a rewrite of the 1970 constitution. *It* was doomed, surely, by the intransigence of the tribal chiefs. To give the native Fijian minority a permanent *political majority,* without at once committing the more numerous Indian commu*nity to lasting inferiority,* was a non-negotiable demand that could not be met in that stark form.

The belief that the exercise would therefore fail was underlying every conversation I had recently with leaders of the two communities throughout the main islands. So also was the apprehension that once the colonel had tired of this cosmetic dusting of democracy he would again summon his troops to the streets.

The latest coup is said to have been bloodless. So the Fijian tourist board will again be issuing *hurried invitations* to Australian and American holiday companies to tour the islands' luxury resorts to provide "proof" that everything in paradise remains peaceful and unthreatened. I am not certain how long the picture can hold.

For the assumption that the Fijian army, heavily sprinkled with, and totally answerable to, the Taukei movement is the only *power* in the land rests on two false assumptions. One is that the Indians would have no stomach *for a fight with the traditionally* martial Fijians. But not all Hindus are middle-class shopkeepers. Few *people have shown a greater* capacity, when insulted or aroused, for violence against their neighbours. Ask the Sikhs. Ask the Muslims. Ask the Singhalese.

The other mistake may be to believe that the Indians would hesitate to embrace the consequences to themselves of ruining the Fijian economy. I was present at a mass meeting of 1,000 Indian sugar cane farmers which decided to end a six-week boycott *and begin the harvest on which 60* per cent of the islands' income depends.

Sir Vijay Singh, chief executive of the cane-growers' council, said then that the time for protest was over; the crop must be cut for the sake of all. His advice to the growers to save much of their land after the harvest for food for themselves and their families was less publicized. If Fiji's economy does collapse, it will be the Indians who are best equipped to survive.

The cost of the coup is already heavy, and some Indians had counted on this to keep Colonel Rabuka at bay. "Now the bills have started coming, all the Fijian enthusiasm for the army take-over has ended," said one Indian leader. But he had underestimated the depth of fear among the Fijians that unless they act, whatever the cost, they are doomed to insignifiance in their own land . . . the aborigines of the 21st century.

It is a fear played upon by the tribal chiefs who have pulled all the strings, including that of the bold colonel, in this minor revolt which has within it the makings of a tragedy. For centuries their chieftain system, a pyramid structure of countless well-understood favours and obligations, was, in their view, government enough.

But the position granted them within the constitution, powerful enough to ensure, for example, the protection of tribal lands from encroachment, was not enough. They had fears of the Indian numbers, and they had envy of *Indian* wealth.

Fiji is a land where the parable of the grasshopper and the ant is played out endlessly. Fijians get up in the morning with a smile and do what they feel. Indians get up and do what they must. Crude generalizations about the grim industry of one race and the happy indolence of another are reinforced on every hand.

The Indians in Fiji are not without fault. All the familiar taunts are heard: they do not mix, they do not join, they do not speak our languages or learn our ways. But their greatest sin, one suspects, is that from the most meagre of starts, with the most minimal of help beyond their sweat, they succeed. It is for that they are not forgiven.

Can outsiders do anything to help? A Commonwealth warning that a Fijian republic, unlawfully declared and based on the subservience of more than half its people, cannot retain membership of the club beneath the Crown, should be a starting point. Moderate Fijians would hesitate at that.

It is never too late to avoid tragedy. But a clear view as to why *the Fijians* now act this way, recognition that Indian meekness is a dangerous myth, and an unhesitating use of the Fijians' genuine affection for the Crown, are necessary tools for a beginning.

Robin Oakley on the Labour tensions that will resurface at Brighton

Kinnock's ceaseless slog

Richard Wilson

Labour has managed a remarkable public calm since the election. In part, *this is a tribute to the control* that Neil Kinnock has won over his party, but it owes more to the *recent* Liberal and SDP convulsions. Next week's party conference could be the occasion, like a big family Christmas, for pent-up emotions to emerge. In particular, it will demonstrate if the hard left has been tamed for good or if it can hope for a comeback.

In the June election, Labour won more votes than in 1983 but it was 6 per cent down on 1979 and 11 per cent down on 1970, both years of Tory victory. It won even fewer skilled working class votes than in 1983. Outside London, on a line drawn from Bristol to the Wash, Labour holds just three seats out of 170. If it is to win next time, it has to win at least three million votes. So there is much talk of making Labour more "voter-friendly." Bryan Gould has candidly *admitted* that *it must* appeal not only to socialist values but also to self-interest.

By *common consent*, the *main* reasons for Labour's election failure were its unilateralist defence stance and its failure to convince the country that it could pay for its programme without raising taxes. Harder to deal with is the common perception that Labour is under the trade union thumb and the handicap of its association with the "loony left" in local government. But what will Brighton actually do about it?

One sign of the despair in Labour's ranks is the rash of conference motions calling for the party to study proportional representation. It's true that had the election been fought under PR, the Tories would have taken 100 seats fewer and lost their majority. But if the so-called anti-Thatcher majority is *there*, so is the anti-Labour majority. Labour would have come back with barely 200 *seats, way short of the 326 needed* for a majority. The snag about PR for Labour is that it could govern only in coalition. There is no magic cure there.

But any discussion of PR will be, an interesting sideshow. Neil Kinnock has ensured that, along with the "whither Labour?" debate, the crucial question will be what happens to his call for one man-one vote in the selection and reselection of MPs.

It is crucial because it involves the central questions on Labour's future – the capacity of a small corps *of left-wing activists* to manipulate its affairs, the degree of control exerted by the trade unions and the leader's freedom to *fashion* an outward-looking party.

Kinnock wants the reform because it would release constituency parties from the control of small groups of activists frequently dominated by the hard left *and so would free his MPs* to get on with the job of opposing the government in Parliament instead *of protecting their home bases. He* tried once before, in 1984, and failed. Failure again would be a severe blow to his leadership.

Unfortunately for him, union chiefs have been unclear whether Kinnock was backing one man-one vote in its purest form or whether he was prepared to settle for an electoral college, preserving the existing right of the unions in the selection process.

Kinnock has the block vote set up to endorse the principle of extending the franchise, but the unions could yet produce a sham*bles when the conference gets* down to mechanisms. And if their block votes are used to push through a probably unworkable electoral college – which would allow activists to get their way by packing union meetings instead – *Labour would have gained little* credibility from the exercise.

Monday's one man-one vote *battle, as well as the policy debate,* will tells us too what strength the left can muster. Since Tony Benn's battle for the deputy leadership in 1981 the left has been fragmented. In Parliament the harder left split away from the Tribune Group to form the Campaign Group amid the comprises following the 1983 election defeat. In local government, fundamentalists like Ted Knight and John McDonnell split from Ken Livingstone over rate capping and observing the law.

While the harder shades of the left have been fighting their own *internal* battles and involving themselves in fringe issues like black sections they have been failing to provide a counter-influence on Kinnock to that of shadow cabinet right-wingers.

Attempts to make the real left more relevant have begun. Prominent figures in the hard left *Labour Left Liaison and the softer* Left Labour Co-ordinating Committee are seeking to organize in concert. *But the true impotence of* the left was shown when Tribune and Campaign failed to agree on a slate of candidates for this year's shadow cabinet and by the public scorning of Campaign support by advancing figures in the party like Jack Straw, Gordon Brown and Tony Blair – who prospered none the less.

The policy debate now opening up, and the battle to strip away the power it had gained over MPs' reselection, will be the last real chance for the left to rally its forces. But it will have to produce something more than sneers at the pursuit of the Yuppie vote by the likes of Mr Gould.

The odds are that Kinnock will succeed in marginalizing the hard left. If the battle becomes noisy he *will not worry. His clashes with* Arthur Scargill and Derek Hatton have been the making of him *where the floating voter is con*cerned. But he can only go so far. In making Labour an outward-*looking 1990s' party prepared to* look after the interests of the prospering as well as the deprived he will only be able to go as fast as David Blunkett, Tom Sawyer, Michael Meacher and the rest of the soft left on the NEC are prepared to go.

The real problem is policy. It is simply no good Labour being the second-best party at running capitalism. Voters know the Tories do that better and with more conviction.

Labour wants to be more friendly. It wants to be more up-to-date. But is has to drag the sea anchor of the unions along with it. And there is simply no sign that it has found anything distinctive to say at present. As Roy Hattersley puts it in *New Socialist* "We are *bombarded with articles about the* need to realign, reinvigorate and reunite the left. None of them ever *explains what the realignment is* for, what the re-invigoration will achieve, or around which principles reunion is to be built."

Labour may have begun listening to the people, but as it prepares to discuss its third election defeat in a row it is really the Polo party. In the middle where its heart and soul and policies ought to be there is only a hole.

Alan Peacock urges greater intervention to preserve quality TV programmes

New channels that must be checked

Newspapers and periodicals in*fringe the law if they publish* defamatory, seditious and blasphemous material or material which offends public decency. The law also prevents monopoly. Does television require more intervention than this? The answer, now that the government seems likely to increase the number of commercial broadcasting channels, is certainly "yes".

More channels will offer the public the chance to see a greater *variety of programmes and greater* opportunities for young and enterprising programme makers to display their wares. *Paying* directly for television services, which the new subscription technology allows, gives the consumer a far wider choice. However, subscription plus advertising revenue is hardly likely to be enough to finance quality programmes which reflect the public's desire to improve their knowledge and extend their cultural experience.

A further modification in a wholly commercial system is required by the "principle of universality". Many supporters of public service broadcasting (PSB) insist that there should be equal access to all broadcasting services, despite the considerable disparity in the costs of providing such services to different parts of the country. In a purely commercial system, companies would wish to cover their costs by charging different prices for subscription *services in different areas.*

Certainly the principle of universality receives support from *the public's interest in disseminat*ing the benefits of high-quality programmes. *However,* it would be absurd to insist on "universal universality". It is not realistic to *expect that every new experiment* in broadcasting should be available in the most isolated parts of the country. The Committee on Financing the BBC suggested that there should be a minimum universality requirement, so that the portion of the population out of reach of new satellite cable or new terrestial channels would still be able to receive transmission from the present four channels.

The present way of promoting PSB has been to offer the BBC a secure form of finance, the licence fee, and to make PSB programming a condition of the award of a commercial franchise. This system will be impossible to operate with the expansion in the number of channels. Stations relying solely on subscription finance and advertising revenue will not only have to compete with one another but, faced with a PSB obligation, would encounter two forms of unfair competition.

First, suppliers of satellite services from abroad have no such obligations to meet. Secondly, if the *BBC is* permitted to raise revenue from subscription, why should it have the additional advan*tage of a large compulsory* levy to buttress its position in the market? There will be growing resistance to the imposition of onerous PSB obligations and monitoring will in any case be made more difficult by the growth in the number and variety of TV channels. It would be a confession of failure by any government to refuse access to the broadcasting market simply because it then becomes easier to regulate.

This is why the Committee on Financing the BBC offered the alternative of public financing of PSB. Such a system might embrace the following features, though I must not commit the committee to certain embellishments of my own:

- ● Channels undertaking PSB obligations would bid for public service contracts which would be awarded for, say, a three-year period, renewable.
- ● The universality rule should apply only to four channels.
- ● Initially, preference might be given to the existing four channels in the award of PSB contracts, both in recognition of their universality obligations and their experience and commitment to PSB programming.
- ● PSB should have a regional/national (Scotland and Wales) dimension, so recognizing cultural differences. This would be done by award of *contracts directly* to regional companies.
- ● In the longer run, no channel would have *hypothecated revenue* (as with the licence fee). Therefore, if the licence fee were to remain as a principal source of revenue for TV public subsidy, it would not be pre-empted by the BBC. The BBC would have to compete for PSB contracts along with the rest.
- ● A condition of receipt of a PSB contract would be an obligation to buy a specified percentage of programmes prepared by independent producers.

The government has rightly concentrated its attention on those recommendations of the committee concerning the unscrambling of the "comfortable duopoly" run by the BBC and ITV. However, if, as is claimed, spectrum scarcity will soon be a thing of the past and we are to have many more channels than previously envisaged, its PSB proposals require urgent, critical attention.

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Robert Kilroy-Silk

When lib invades the library

The "I know what's best for you" tendency is at it again. This time it's Lewisham Council's women's committee telling us what we can read. It has decreed that in selecting books for libraries, "the content should be examined to ensure that people are characterized as individuals and stereotypes avoided." Books that depict men as logical and objective and women as emotional and subjective should be rejected. Instead we shall be proffered works that show "women as interested in their work, pursuing career goals, and both deserving of and receiving public attention."

At first sight such authoritarian silliness is laughable, another example of the antics of ideological fanatics who don't have enough *real* and productive work to fill their time. But that would be far too complacent a response. After all, what the committee dictates affects all the borrowers of books from Lewisham libraries. It would also give example and confidence to zealots everywhere. Nor should we forget that all other dictators and would-be thought controllers were laughed at, to begin with.

The members of the committee certainly take themselves very seriously. So does the council, which has translated their edicts into official guidelines. They are so arrogantly confident of their infallibility and their intellectual and moral superiority as to set themselves up as our betters, the guardians of our best interests and *the censors of our books.* They are the ones with the intellectual strength and integrity while the rest of us are obviously malleable and gullible.

They must believe this because it's the only justification for their élite vanguard role. And if it's true of feminism in Lewishman why is it not also true of other issues elsewhere? Perhaps they and their ilk should also guide our reading and our thoughts on everything, just as they now attempt to do on race and sex. Concede, as so many have, the principle of being dictated to by our betters in one area and it's difficult not to relinquish it in others.

There's a powerful case to be made against the way that women are portrayed and treated. It *should* be prosecuted vigorously. But that cannot justify one group of self-selecting true believers, *however laudable their aims,* to impose their view on the rest of us.

Unfortunately, the members of *Lewisham women's committee* are not the only or most powerful adherents of the "I know what's best for you" tendency. They have infiltrated many of our institutions, especially, but not exclusively, *those of the left.* They were to be found in great and self-righteous abundance during the controversy over the parents who refused to send their children to an Asian-dominated school in Dewsbury. Many of those who fulminated against the parents had the gall to lecture them on the virtues of multi-cultural education. They should accept it, they were told, because it's best for the country.

Perhaps, but it has yet to be proved. Indeed, it's not provable; it's a value judgement. And the Dewsbury parents are as entitled to make that judgement one way as are all the educational pundits and do-gooders to make *it* the other. It's to the parents' credit that they have resisted all the lectures and *middle-class bullying* on what is in their children's interest and resolutely stuck to what they want for them.

The same kind of arrogance displayed by the liberal educational establishment is exhibited by those who rail against private medicine and private education. I'm not suggesting that either is desirable. They are not. I wish we had no need of them and I would not criticize those who advance the case against either. My condemnation is reserved for those who seek to characterize all those who use or seek to use private provision as evil, to condemn the working-class parents who feel compelled to take up an assisted school place or buy an operation for their child.

It's particularly nauseating that those who tend to be the most ferocious and vociferous of the "I know what's best for you" tendency are not prepared to suffer for themselves what they would impose on others. They will always read what books they like, live miles from the nearest multicultural school – indeed will have taken great pains to live in an area with a good school – and, as Denis Healey's wife and others have shown, and Neil Kinnock has confessed that he would, they use private medicine when they think it's necessary.

As always it's the poor and the working class who suffer the brunt of the patronizing attitude and the limitations on their freedom of choice. The rich will always be free. *There* was a time when working people listened and deferred to the middle-class teachers *and preachers. They have* now thrown off those shackles. They won't allow them to be replaced by *the new polytechnocracy,* whatever its politics.

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Michael Kinsley

Now for a war on facism

Washington

So this gorilla shows up at the personnel office and asks for a job. The personnel director says: "Are you kidding? We can't hire you. You look like a gorilla." To which the gorilla replies: "Watch out, buddy, I'm gonna sue you for work discrimination under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973."

OK, it's not much of a punch line. I got it from the *Harvard Law Review*, in an essay arguing that it should be illegal to discriminate on the basis of physical attractiveness. In fact, says the author, "facial discrimination" may already be illegal in America under laws forbidding discrimination against the handicapped. "It . . . seems an arbitrary distinction to say that an employer cannot refuse to hire a person who has a *disfiguring scar on his chin, for* example, but can refuse to hire someone whose chin is jutting or unusually shaped."

The logic is impeccable. Appearance, like race, sex and physical handicap, is an immutable characteristic. Like those other disadvantages, an unattractive appearance usually has no connection with your ability to do the job. Discrimination on this basis is just as unfair and should, therefore, be outlawed.

But even those who support this view must concede that beauty is a *great advantage in the world.* In good law review style, the author cites an array of studies proving the obvious: people automatically assign favourable non-physical characteristics to those who are good looking; strangers are more likely to do favours for physically attractive people; ugly people get tougher sentences in criminal cases and lower damage awards in civil lawsuits.

Obviously, many rise above the *handicap* of appearance, to become distinguished professors at Harvard Law School, for example. *It is my* experience *that* when you see a famous person in the flesh, he or she is almost invariably shorter than you expect. *(A friend* of mine adds a corollary that famous people are almost invariably tanned, but that's *neither* here nor there.) This pattern is partly explained by the exaggerated stature that famous people take on in your mind, but there must also be some kind of Napoleonic impulse *that* drives short people to succeed.

Nevertheless, no one would choose to be short and ugly *rather* than tall and handsome. We are all traumatized to varying degrees about our appearance. Facial discrimination is far more overt and shameless than racial discrimination: our culture doesn't even attempt to hide its preference for certain arrangements of facial and bodily *parts over others.*

Life will never deal an equal hand to the physically unattractive (or the "aesthetically challenged," as one tart commentator predicts the approved term will become). But shouldn't they at least be protected against discrimination in jobs, housing and college admissions?

In many cases, looks may not be an irrelevant criterion at all. The *Harvard Law Review* fellow is prepared to make a few narrow exceptions for jobs such as acting. But he takes a hard line against exceptions for sales people, stewardesses, and so on.

If looks are an advantage in these fields (which of course they are) it is only because of prejudice in society as a whole. We don't allow employers to pander to the racism of their customers. Why should we permit pandering to *what might be called "looksism"?*

No, the justice of the cause is beyond doubt. The question is whether we can afford to expand the awesome machinery of civil rights litigation into this vast new area. There is a natural restraint operating here, which the author unintentionally reveals in describing how an ugly-rights lawsuit might work: "An applicant will be able to point to some 'objective' aspect of his appearance – such as obesity, shortness, an unusual nose, or protruding ears; an applicant may . . . be able to demonstrate *that* in some general way, given the totality of his appearance, he is considered unattractive." He also suggests *the use of* expert witnesses. But it will be an exceptionally greedy or bitter person who would wish to pay a beauty expert to describe in a public courtroom how ugly he is.

People have a point when they ask where it will all end. The author suggests that job interviews be conducted over the telephone, to avoid a bias against looks. But doesn't this leave open the possibility of prejudice on the basis of a whiny voice? Or, he says, job applicants could be interviewed behind a screen – a system already used for orchestra auditions – so that an unpleasant face doesn't obscure an applicant's "pleasant personality."

Well, the one citadel of prejudice we may be sure is free from storming by the battalions of Harvard Law School is our society's overwhelming bias in favour of smart people. They may be short, fat, and ugly, with protruding ears, funny noses, jutting chins, and dyspeptic personalities. But they're not dumb.

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THE FINAL DETERRENT

Less than ten years after failing to stop the United States' cruise and Pershings from being stationed in Western Europe, the Soviet Union and the Western "peace movement" will have their wish. By an Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty next year, subject to ratification by the US Senate, the missiles will go. But the Soviet Union and the peace movement will not rest there.

They will turn their attentions to the British Trident nuclear submarines. They will depict those weapons as the obstacle standing in the way of the next "historic" treaty between the United States and the Soviet Union: the one which would limit strategic nuclear weapons, and lead (it is claimed) to their eventual abolition. The British Trident will be to the 1990s what cruise and Pershing were to the 1980s. Britain can expect to see the "Holy Loch Peace Women".

Ideally, the opponents of the British nuclear deterrent would like to see the French deterrent abolished as well. They know they have no chance of that. France has no significant peace movement to play upon. For historical reasons, both left and right in France compete to appear the party of national independence. The British deterrent is a better object of the peace movement's attentions. Britain's main Opposition party – and a substantial part of her third party – is unilateralist. Whatever the opportunism of individual politicians at the top of the party, Labour at least is likely to remain unilateralist at heart.

The campaign against Trident will probably fail. But it will be long and noisy. Decent emotions, such as horror at the thought of nuclear war, will be exploited. Throughout this clamour, it will be important to bear in mind at all times why the campaign's failure will be deserved.

At present, Britain's nuclear deterrent consists of the four Polaris submarines – the result of an agreement with the United States in 1962. As the years passed, the question was inevitably asked: would they continue to deter? In such matters, governments can only look to guidance to "experts" and to "scientists". Experts and scientists have a habit of differing. But over the years enough of them have succeeded in satisfying successive governments that the British deterrent would not continue to deter unless updated. The case for updatings became overwhelming – given the premiss that Britain must be able to inflict unacceptable damage on the Soviet Union.

It was pointed out, for example, that Anti-ballistic Missile (ABM) Defences around Moscow were constantly being improved and that, irrespective of whether the United States deployed its Strategic Defence Initiative, the Soviet Union would eventually seek to develop strategic defence of its own, perhaps making the Soviet heartland invulnerable to Polaris. In making such judgements, the experts may be wrong. But, given again the crucial premiss about unacceptable damage, no government could afford to ignore such warnings and hope to remain confident that it possessed a deterrent.

Mrs Thatcher's first government opted to acquire a completely new system, consisting of four submarines armed with the Trident missile – procured, like Polaris, from the United States. This new strategic deterrent should come into operation in the mid-1990s.

Any argument will be used to persuade the British people that it should not tolerate Trident. It will be said that, on moral grounds, Britain should not possess such horrible weapons. It will also be said that, since we will have only four of them, they are ineffective. (The peace movement does not worry about being contradictory.)

Politicians, including some who will say that Britain should concentrate on conventional defence, will argue that the country cannot afford them. In fact, the cost of procuring Trident over twenty years (the latest official estimate is £9,265m) is about the same as that of manning, equipping and maintaining an armoured division over the same period.

Above all, it will be said that the threat posed to Britain by the Soviet Union is not so great as to justify the need for such a defence. The British people will have to weigh the strength of that argument in the light of the overwhelming conventional superiority which the Soviet Union will possess over NATO in Europe in the years which will follow the "zero-zero" option.

American intermediate range nuclear weapons will then be gone. They will be followed perhaps by the gradual diminution of American conventional forces, leaving a Western Europe the nature of whose society makes it socially and politically impossible for it to match the conventional strength of the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union will be left the dominant European power. But it will be deterred from the ultimate aggression by the British and French nuclear deterrents.

A COMMONWEALTH ROLE

Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, the Governor-General of Fiji, had been intending to broadcast to the country in celebration of the "historic consensus" which, two days before, had led to the formation of a carefully balanced bipartisan government in Suva. The Queen was among those who had sent him a message expressing her "warm appreciation" of what had been achieved.

It was not be. Just when it looked as if this divided nation was beginning to climb out of the political crisis which engulfed it last May, the army leader Colonel Sitiveni Rabuka staged his second coup in a year and seized power in the name of the indigenous Melanesian people. Last night the immediate future and long-term stability of Fiji were once more in question.

The decision by Colonel Rabuka must be wrong for Fiji. His coup is apparently bloodless and he has promised to maintain the rule of law. But to overthrow, first, the democratically elected government and, then, the "caretaker" administration set up to guide Fiji back towards legitimacy and peace, is to undermine confidence in the country's future.

There are immediate dangers too. In the first place he is risking civil war. It is all very well for Rabuka to promise "no violence". But it is violence which has brought him to power and, in the electoral vacuum which he has himself created, it is by violence that he can be removed.

That, anyway, is how it may seem to the majority Indian population which is are now being denied the means of free expression. So far Rabuka has relied on the passivity of Indians who have generally seemed more interested in commercial prosperity than political power. But their acquiescence cannot be taken for granted. There is the risk of a backlash which Melanesians may have cause to regret.

The coup will also damage the economy. Australia cut off military aid and cancelled development projects after the first coup this year. Its prime minister, Mr Bob Hawke, said yesterday that he was reviewing his country's future relationship with Fiji. In Wellington, Mr David Lange deplored the events in Suva on behalf of the New Zealand government. There is a limit to how far Rabuka can prudently risk the erosion of foreign confidence.

But yesterday's events are more than a test for Fiji. They are a test for the senior members of the Commonwealth. That is not principally Britain in this case. The Foreign Office position can be legitimately one of watching from the sidelines. It will not wish to involve itself too strongly in a faraway dispute, where other Commonwealth members, Australia, New Zealand and India, have the greater interest. It is up to them – and to other concerned Commonwealth members – to take the most vigorous action in protest at the Rabuka coup.

As Head of the Commonwealth, the Queen, not in this respect advised by the Foreign Office, will certainly be troubled by Rabuka's usurpation of power. She will doubtless use the coming meeting of Commonwealth Heads of Government to take soundings about whether, if the coup is confirmed, Fiji can remain a Commonwealth member. But it is important that consideration of expulsion at the highest level be postponed at least till then. Too early a use of that threat is likely to be counter-productive.

No one should pretend that there are no lessons to be learnt from the last five months. Fiji cannot now return to its previous political state as if nothing had happened. But without friendly intervention from abroad the prosect of a peaceful return to constitutional rule looks bleak.

FOURTH LEADER

Airlines are constantly devising new wheezes, presumably to distract the attention of the customers from the fares; if it isn't hot towels, it's propelling pencils, or beds-in-the-baggage-compartment, as reported in our pages yesterday. But British Airways have surely earned this year's IATA Award for Conspicuous Daftness with their latest lark. It is called Fun-Flying (a more implausible conjunction of words can never have been seen since the invention of the Bombay Duck), and it works like this.

You pay £35 and go to Heathrow; you have to be there by 10 a.m. You are then directed to a plane, but they don't tell you where it is going. Moreover, you have little hope of finding out even when you get there, because you are not allowed, under the rules, to leave the airport.

But if you don't know where you are going, and indeed can be said only in the most desperately literal sense to have gone there at all, what is the point of the journey? Even with the knowledge that this is the brainchild of an airline, so that nothing is barred for absurdity, few will believe the answer: Fun-Flying enables the Fun-Fliers to buy duty-free goods at the airport to which, blindfolded and gagged, they have been taken.

It is possible, to put it more strongly, that somebody hasn't thought this idea right through. Fun-Fliers whose Magical Mystery Tour takes them to Clermont-Ferand, Stavropol, Trollhättan, Maastricht, Inishmore, Erzurum or Split may find the duty-free facilities there far from lavish; it would be a pity to go all that way (and back) to collect nothing but some tie-dyed skirts and a set of spanners. And even at airports where the display is ample, there must be a limit to the fun that can be extracted from buying a duty-free Walkman, particularly since the same thing is usually available for half the price at your nearest Dixons with the instructions in English.

But those who draw the lucky cards, and find themselves in beautiful and romantic spots, are even worse off. Outside, it is Venice or Arles, Granada or a rose-red city half as old as time; but for all the Fun-Flier can see of it, as he listens to the incomprehensible bellowings of the loudspeaker, it might as well be Faskrudsfjordur (regular connections to Breiddalsvik, Hofn and Egilsstadir), and if he sidles nonchalantly towards the exit he will encounter a stewardess with a fiery sword intoning the IATA Oath.

It will never catch on, not just for the reasons given above, but because regular airline passengers will find too little novelty in the scheme. After all, the idea is that you pay through the nose, you are kept in total ignorance, and you are virtually bound to be disappointed. So what else is new?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reducing value of child benefit

From Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, MP for Kensington (Conservative)

Sir, It is disturbing that Treasury ministers are reported to be canvassing once again the notion of reducing the real value of child benefit. This idea is particularly inappropriate at a time when the public is being led to anticipate further cuts in direct taxation.

If the real value of child benefit is now reduced, it will mean that even larger numbers of people will have to swallow their self-respect and apply to the DHSS for the wherewithal to keep their children above the minimum standard of nourishment and clothing to maintain their health and decency.

It may not be appreciated by the Treasury – because it is primarily a matter for the DHSS – that at any one time we now have about eight million people whose living standards are kept up by supplementary benefits. This is not a constant population: in the course of time a far larger number than that can expect, under the present arrangements, to go through the experience of passing a period of their lives in dependency on public assistance.

These are people who discover that – whatever may apply to others who are luckier – there is very little point for them in accumulating savings, because people with even quite small private resources are disqualified from benefit; and very little point in taking work on low wages, because the net incease in their available income after a normal working week would scarcely compensate them for their efforts.

The problems of our inner cities are partly a reflection of the fact that they contain a high concentration from this artifically-produced subculture, who have little or no incentive to better their lot by work or thrift. Cutting child benefit would simply add to their numbers. Raising child benefit, on the other hand, since families do not forfeit it as they better themselves, is the cheapest way of engaging despondent citizens in the healthiest processes of the economy.

The notion that child benefit might be taxed, so as to claw part of it back from the better-off, would mean that the system discriminated in favour of those who have no regular job or prefer to rely on their benefits – not very good practice for a Conservative Government. A man with children to support would pay more tax than a single man with the same income; and it would increase the stress of parents at the very time when caring for young children is keeping their mother from earning and depressing the living standards of the adult members.

If we are to enjoy further cuts in taxation, as we hope, let them not be purchased at such a price.

Yours faithfully,
BRANDON RHYS WILLIAMS,
House of Commons.
September 23.

From Mrs Gordon Begg

Sir, Mr Frank Field (September 23) states "Child benefit directly relates a family's income to the size of its responsiblities".

Perhaps it is time in an over-populated world that a family's sense of responsibility relates to its size?

Yours faithfully,
ANNE BEGG,
9 Markham Street, SW3.
September 23.

Careers in TV

From the Editor of Independent Television News

Sir, I cannot allow Michael Grade to get away with his statement in *The Times* today (feature, September 24) that ITV is pushing up employees' pay, thus making it difficult for BBC to keep staff. It was a point he laboured at the Prime Minister's seminar on Monday morning. I thought it unseemly to counter him there.

In the last year ITN has had ten senior people under offer from BBC at salaries that are breathtaking. In some cases offers have been made of "golden hello" fees of many thousands of pounds.

The score so far: two gone, six stayed, and the jury is out on two more.

The fact is that the BBC has not had an outstanding record at developing the talents of the front rank of television presenters. We in ITN look back with pride on that honourable roll-call whom the BBC reflagged: Ludovic Kennedy, Chris Chataway, Robin Day, Alan Hart, Richard Lindley, Brian Widlake, John Whale, Peter Snow, Selina Scott, Martyn Lewis, Pam Armstrong.

We supplied them with a director of programmes, Brian Wenham, and even a distinguished director-general, Ian Trethowan. Indeed, Michael Grade himself and John Birt are ITV alumni.

All this is fair game in a competitive business (we have given Julia Somerville opportunities which were not forthcoming at the BBC). I have no complaint, except when Michael Grade tries to take an outrageous quick trick, as he did in his article.

In the interests of fair play, I wonder whether a modest sum from the BBC's licence money could find its way to our over-pressed training budget if we are to continue to serve, as we do with pride, as the West Point for television news presenters.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID NICHOLAS, Editor,
Independent Television News Ltd,
40 Wells Street, W1.
September 24.

Alas, poor Peter

From Commander A Bateman

Sir, Like Mrs Laming (September 21), I can attest to the enjoyment of the original Beatrix Potter stories by the very young. My wife and I recently completed the 8,000 mile trip from Muscat to Bedford in a small Honda car.

Our daughter, who turned three during this journey, was ensconced for most of the day in an area only eighteen inches square on the back seat, as we were loaded to full capacity. Friends in Oman had given Iona well selected gifts of games, small toys and cassettes to while away the time.

Each day, upon waking from her afternoon nap, Iona would insist upon hearing her recording of Beatrix Potter stories. These were read quite charmingly by Vivien Leigh, and our daughter soon was reciting parts of the tales, especially those concerning rabbit pie, with great gusto.

This daily diversion continued for six weeks through 13 countries. It was somehow reassuring to hear the delicate but precise prose of Miss Potter as we sped through areas such as the heavily fortified eastern part of Iraq, or recovered after experiencing one of several blowouts.

Perhaps the secret of the enduring nature of these tales lies in their appeal to the very young and to the middle-aged alike?

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY BATEMAN,
12 Keats Close, Bedford.
September 23.

'Forgotten' command

From Mr Douglas Lowndes

Sir, It is unfortunate that Dr Rodney (September 23) should seem to be setting up some sort of contest to determine who is most worthy of remembrance. My friends who were killed in Coastal and Transport commands are just as dead as those who gave their lives in fighters and bombers.

But why engage in such a debate when we already have the best possible RAF memorial: St. Clement Dane's church, where the floor is paved with the insignia of all the squadrons of the Royal Air Force, and the walls lined with books containing the names of all those who died on operational flying duty.

What could be better?

Yours faithfully,
DOUGLAS LOWNDES,
1 Colville Court,
Great Missenden,
Buckinghamshire.

Theatre proposal

From Sir James Richards

Sir, Planning permission is being sought for the building of a large new theatre, with a car-park to serve it, in Battersea Park. May I plead that it should be firmly and finally rejected? Her green public spaces are among London's rare assets, the envy of other cities. They should be sacrosanct.

I well remember that when the pleasure gardens and funfair that formed part of the 1951 Festival of Britain were proposed to be located in Battersea Park, critics of the project were promised that the ground they were to occupy would be restored as parkland when the festival was over. That the "funfair site" should now be regarded as available building land is monstrous.

Yours faithfully,
J. M. RICHARDS,
29 Fawcett Street, SW10.
September 18.

Scots mortality rates

From Dr Christopher A. Birt

Sir, As the community medicine specialist responsible for the report (details, September 16) on the state of the public health in the Western Isles I must write to support the points made by Professor Tunstall Pedoe (September 21), particularly in relation to differential mortality rates from cardiovascular disease in various parts of Scotland.

The report, while noting that the crude death rate (1980-85) for coronary heart disease was as reported by your correspondent, also tabulated the standardised mortality ratios (SMR) for this period by sex for the Western Isles and Scotland on a UK standard.

When epidemiological techniques are used to identify possible explanations for variations in incidence, it is necessary to standardise for confounding variables such as age. However, health services must be planned as according to real anticipated need, and in this case crude incidence rates are appropriate.

In the Western Isles, cardiovascular risk factors are currently being reviewed by two epidemiological studies, the Scottish Health Study and the World Health Organisation cardiac study. Meanwhile, the Western Isles Health Board has to plan services (especially of a preventive nature) relevant to the needs demonstrated in the public health document.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER A. BIRT,
(Chief Administrative Medical Officer),
Western Isles Health Board,
37 South Beach Street,
Stornoway, Isle of Lewis.
September 21.

Battle lines between pomp and pop

From Mr Billy Bragg

Sir, Unaccustomed as I am to reading *The Times*, much less writing to it, on arriving in Vienna from eastern Europe I came across a copy of your paper of September 21. As a "practitioner" of pop music who has yet to attain "godhood", I was mightily put off by Bernard Levin's article "Popping up all over". I feel that articles concerning the "violent rhythms" of pop music belong in 1957, not 1987.

I was astonished to see *The Times* carrying such a virulent attack on an art form that is such a fine example of "free enterprise capitalism" and comparing it so disparagingly with opera, which can only survive on vast subsidies from the state as well as huge sponsorship from the sleazy pedlars of those life-sapping, mind-numbing drugs, tobacco and alcohol.

In Vienna, only recently, due to a mishap in computerised ticket sales, the decent burghers of that city have been subjected to the unseemly spectacle of penguin-besuited "opera lovers", inflamed no doubt by alcohol, brawling for their overpriced and subsidised seats. All this for the privilege of witnessing overweight, ludicrously attired ham actors shrieking deafeningly in a foreign language while half the audience nods off due to their huge dinners.

In the black and white world of Levin's denunciation of Miss Pugacheva, and, through her, all popular music, it is clear to me that he knows as much about the medium as I do about opera, though even I am aware of the origin of the term "prima donna".

Having performed in the last two months in Managua, Washington DC, London, Rome and Budapest amongst others, the remarks of Robert Kennedy come as no surprise to me. The fact that Levin seems unable to accept that the works of Bob Marley mean more to young people around the world today than those of William Shakespeare or, I daresay, Karl Marx, proves the continuing truth of Kennedy's statement.

It is no wonder that young people prefer the global youth culture, which talks across boundaries about universal emotions, to the jaded rhetoric of their elders, who insist that we must arm ourselves with unspeakable and unusable weapons at absurd costs in order to save the world!

Pop stardom may well be a trivial thing, but I can assure Levin of this: long after 19th-century opera has ceased to have relevance to their lives, young people will continue to try and make some sense out of their predicament by making music which will upset their elders.

And, by the way, Bernard, just what is a upas tree? I believe it was I who first wrote "Those whom the gods would make pompous, they first make to hate pop music".

Yours faithfully,
BILLY BRAGG,
Hotel Post,
Fleischmarkt 24,
1010 Vienna, Austria.

Football violence

From the Executive Director of Luton Town Football Club

Sir, The main thrust of Denis Howell's letter (September 16) was essentially correct. For close on 20 years, many of us in football have been seeking political support to curb violence in our society. Successive governments of both persuasions have done little.

The Safety of Sports Grounds Act suppressed violence inside football stadia but threw the problem into the towns and streets. An analysis of those arrested shows that far from the perpetrators coming from deprived backgrounds, many are in good jobs, some with responsible positions.

Since Heysel this Government has, at last, taken up the moral challenge of encouraging the family unit and parental responsibility. This provides the long-term solution. However, what does football do meanwhile?

In season 1985-86, we had three visiting supporters stabbed outside our ground. Do we allow this to continue and await the obvious, or accept our responsibility and take action? I think the answer is obvious.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN SMITH,
Executive Director,
Luton Town Football & Athletic Co. Ltd,
179-185 Dunstable Road,
Luton, Bedfordshire.

Lost for words

From Mrs Mary B. Neligan

Sir, Do foreign language phrase-books really get to the nub of the problems so often faced by the holidaymaker or other traveller?

For example: how does one get across to the maid, when sign language proved ambiguous, the following vital information – possibly a matter of life and death: "The meat that you put in our freezer has been defrosted and refrozen, and you may get food poisoning!"

Yours faithfully,
MARY B. NELIGAN,
Court House,
Brook Close,
Holcombe, Dawlish, Devon.

Cutting question

From Mr David Podro

Sir, We must be one of the Post Office's biggest clients. One day this week, on telephoning to ask why our post had not been delivered, we were informed that our postman was on holiday. What it is to be indispensable!

Yours faithfully,
DAVID PODRO,
International Press-Cutting Bureau,
224/236 Walworth Road, SE17.
September 18.

Left right behind

From Mr David J. Phillips

Sir, In reply to your correspondent, David Ealey (September 22) and his confusion over political definitions, perhaps this will help.

The broad left, who have a loaf, will share half of it. The soft left will give two thirds away. The far left will give it all away and demand more. The hard left want to run the bakery. The extreme left have their eye on the cakes!

Yours faithfully,
DAVID J. PHILLIPS,
14 Lansdowne Terrace,
Worcester.

ON THIS DAY

SEPTEMBER 26 1956

In today's world of whirling satellites the laying of a transatlantic telephone cable may seem comparatively trivial; it was not so seen at the time – it was a considerable feat of undersea engineering

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NEW TRANSATLANTIC TELEPHONE CABLE

From Our Special Correspondent

With a certainty that the transatlantic radio system could not have guaranteed, the newly laid submarine telephone cables linking Britain and America were used – precisely on time in London yesterday – to open the lines for public service. And so a new era in world telecommunications was ushered in.

The inauguration of the cable system, the first physical circuit to carry speech across the Atlantic, was carried out simultaneously in New York and Ottawa (where the sun had not yet reached its meridian) and at Lancaster House (with tea in the offing).

Congratulations were exchanged between Dr. Hill, the Postmaster-General, Mr. C. F. Craig, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, Mr. G. C. McConnaughy, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, and Mr. G. E. Marler, Canadian Minister of Transport. Dr. Hill described the enterprise, which had been completed two months ahead of schedule, as a "first class example of international cooperation."

Your Correspondent spoke to New York over the new cable circuit after the ceremony, and conversation was as loud and clear as between two adjacent rooms.

From now on voices will be carried securely and without interruption through the British-built coaxial cable that rests on the ocean bed between Oban in Scotland and Clarenville, Newfoundland.

It is the longest submarine telephone system yet attempted . . .

CHAIN OF AMPLIFIERS

Throughout the 2,000-mile lengths of each deep water cable American repeaters, or amplifiers, have been inserted at intervals of about 37 miles to re-establish the voice intensity as distance increases. Thus the signals emerging from the ocean at either terminal, before being fed into the continental telephone networks, will have about the same strength as when they started their long submarine journey.

Just before the system was inaugurated – a brief, informal ceremony held under a blaze of light for the benefit of television and the cinema cameras – Dr. Hill recalled that it was the result of joint efforts of the British Post Office, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, and the Canadian Overseas Telecommunications Corporation.

It was, he emphasized, "a monument of international cooperation between a British Government department, a great private company in America and a public corporation in Canada." When the contract was signed in November, 1953, the British factory which was to make all but 400 miles of the 4,000 nautical miles of the cable, was little more than a series of damaged sheds; the American repeater factory, too, was little more than a shell. Yet the project had been completed just over two months before the target date of December 1, 1956.

Mr. Winthrop Aldrich, United States Ambassador, said he was "very happy to be present on this historic occasion when the labours of engineers, scientists, factory workers, and seamen have in so short a time turned the dream of a transatlantic telephone cable into reality." It was jointly owned, jointly designed and constructed and would be jointly maintained, he said. . . .

The cables, which were laid by H.M. Telegraph Ship Monarch – the largest cable ship in the world and the only vessel capable of doing the job – will provide 35 simultaneous telephone channels and a number of telegraph circuits to supplement the existing cables between Britain and Canada. . . .

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 25: The Duke and Duchess of York left Royal Air Force Northolt this evening in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight for the visit to Mauritius.

Their Royal Highnesses were received upon arrival at Royal Air Force Northolt by His Excellency Mr Gian Nath (High Commissioner for Mauritius).

Miss Helen Hughes, Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer and Mr Victor Chapman are in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 25: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, this afternoon visited St Leonard's-on-Sea to open the East Sussex Child Protection Team's Unit in Sedlescombe Road South. Her Royal Highness was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for East Sussex (The Marquess of Abergavenny).

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Jane Stevens.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
September 25: The Duchess of Kent, as patron, this evening attended the Finals of the Leeds International Pianoforte Competition at the Town Hall, Leeds, West Yorkshire.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Alan Henderson.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
September 25: Princess Alexandra, attended by Lady Mary Mumford, arrived at Heathrow Airport this afternoon in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight from the Federal Republic of Germany.

Birthdays

TODAY: Miss Lucette Aldous, ballerina, 49; Mrs Margaret Bryan, diplomat, 58; Lady (Hugh) Casson, architect and designer, 74; Mr Ian Chappell, cricketer, 44; Mr Neil Coles, golfer, 53; Mr Peter Dews, theatre and television director, 58; Mr Bryan Ferry, rock singer, 42; Lord Griffiths, 64; Air Commodore I.J. Harris, former Matron-in-Chief, PMRAFNS, 61; Sir James Hennessy, diplomat, 64; Mr P.T. Lewis, chairman, John Lewis Partnership, 58; Sir Stephen Luke, colonial officer, 82; Sir Ronald McIntosh, civil servant, 68; the Rev Professor Ernest Nicholson, theologian, 49; Mr G.W. Pusack, former chairman, Mobil Oil Company, 67; Marshal of the RAF Sir Denis Spotswood, 71; Miss Margaret Thomas, painter, 71.

TOMORROW: Sir Robert Adcock, former clerk, Lancashire Lieutenancy, 88; Miss Josephine Barstow, opera singer, 47; Mr Philip Blacker, jockey, 38; Baroness Blackstone, 45; Miss Barbara Dickson, singer, 39; Mr J.K. Gill, president, Saatchi and Saatchi, 67; Mr Peter Holmes, managing director, Royal Dutch/Shell Group, 55; Mr Gordon Honeycombe, broadcaster and author, 51; Lieutenant-General Sir Ian Jacob, 88; Mr Denis Lawson, actor, 40; Lord Miles, 80; Sir Edward Nichols, former town clerk, City of London, 76; the Rev Professor D.E. Nineham, theologian, 66; General Sir Ian Riches, 79; Dr Margaret Rule, research director, Mary Rose Trust, 59; Lord Shepherd, 69; Mr Alvin Stardust, singer, 45.

Rabbi Albert Friedlander

Deeds not words of repentance

Jews celebrated their New Year, Rosh Ha-Shanah, on Thursday, and next weekend is Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, the holiest moment in Jewish life. Almost all Jews assemble in the synagogue to afflict their souls, to repent of evil, to ask forgiveness for their sins. It is a strange time.

Next week brings a 25 hour fast, the opening of a period of contemplation in which the Jewish community confronts the fundamental problems of life and death, of sin and forgiveness.

In the days of the Second Temple (destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD) the High Priest stayed awake throughout the night studying the Book of Job and its central theme of human suffering and Divine judgment. Is all suffering punishment for sins? Does God forgive? Can any human being be justified before God? During this period, Judaism tries to come to terms with the concept of God who cares but who seems far away in an evil world.

The Friday night liturgy commences with the sad chant of the Kol Nidre ("All Vows") which reminds us how frail we are, how shallow our promises, how difficult to keep any of the vows we offer up *to God. Kol Nidre asks God to* annul the religious vows we cannot keep. Jewish tradition makes it crystal clear that the vows of the prayer do not relate to the obligations and commitments made between human beings.

In the same way, Jews pray today that the sins committed by them against God — blasphemy, worship of idols, hypocrisy — may be forgiven so that religious life can find renewal. But, the sins committed against other human beings can only be forgiven by those whom we have wronged. Yom Kippur is the last of the "Ten Days of Penitence" which began the Jewish New Year. During this period, Jews are enjoined to seek out those whom they have wronged; to admit their guilt, to try to undo the harm they have done, to receive forgiveness from those whom they have injured.

The rabbis look for deeds far more than words. It is not a matter of justification by works rather than faith, to use *non-Jewish terms. In* Judaism, they blend together; but it is clear that problems exist. Has a sin ceased to be a sin when it is forgiven by God? By humans? Are we to forgive others who wronged us when we see few signs of repentance in them? And has the evil done in the world ceased to exist when *some kind of absolution has* been pronounced? God forgives. But can we know the mind of God and assume that all sinners have cast off the evil because God's love has washed them white as snow? Can we know that the sinner has repented?

There is a realism in Judaism which demands an *actual*, visible change of direction in human life. It is anchored in the roots of the Hebrew text of the Bible. "Teshuvah" (Repentance) is the same Hebrew word as "turning" or "returning". "Return (Shuvah) O Israel unto the Lord your God, for you have stumbled (from the right path) in your iniquity" cries the prophet Hosea in a text read during this period. One must see a movement, observe an action towards the right path in order to open oneself to the sinner.

This afternoon, the Book of Jonah is read in all synagogues. It is not so much the fish story which intrigues us (the whale tends to swallow the basic lesson!). Rather, we see God longing for repentance of *all* human beings. He is the universal God, and the parochial prophet has to learn that he must open himself to the greatest ancient sinners, the Ninevites. Jonah waits to see the city destroyed, but the Ninevites repent. The Mishna points out (Ta'anit 2:1) that it is not that "God saw their sackcloth and their fasting" but God "saw what they *did*, how they had turned from their evil way" (Jonah 3:10).

Individuals can repent; a people can repent; and that repentance must become visible in their actions. Jews think about this deeply at this time; and the rabbis in their sermons link this teaching to the contemporary situation.

We castigate ourselves on Yom Kippur, and speak about individuals who have betrayed their high positions and privileges, about our communities who have acted with cruelty or lack of understanding against neighbours or against those without hope or power within our own gates. And we speak about the community at large, heads of governments who lie about the past or who wage needless war; societies who encourage the endemic violence within their cities, who protect their possessions and let their neighbours starve.

Yom Kippur is the time of great confession. Some congregants rebel inwardly at joining in a litany of confessions which includes lies, deceits, oppressions — but if we live in a society where this happens, where people die daily of hunger, must we not include it in our confession and resolve to change that society from which we benefit?

Towards evening, we grow light-hearted and faint in our hunger: no water, no food for more than 24 hours! But we come to a clarity of vision where the words of Leviticus 19: "love your neighbour as yourself" contain the word "forgive"; we learn to forgive others, to forgive ourselves! Then we enter the closing gates of the liturgy, to the knowledge of the loving, forgiving God, to the final word of prayer: "The Lord, He is God!" (I Kings); and we leave the synagogue to enter a new life of hope.

Dr Albert H. Friedlander is Dean of Leo Baeck College and Minister of Westminster Synagogue.

Anniversaries

TODAY
BIRTHS: Théodore Géricault, painter, Rouen, 1791; Charles Bradlaugh, politician and freethinker, London, 1833; T S Eliot, St Louis, Missouri, 1888; George Gershwin, New York, 1898.

DEATHS: Daniel Boone, frontiersman, St Charles, Missouri, 1820; August Möbius, astronomer, Leipzig, 1868; James Keir Hardie, Socialist, founder of the Independent Labour Party, Glasgow, 1915; William Henry Davies, poet, Nailsworth, Gloucestershire, 1940; Béla Bartok, composer, New York, 1945; Solomon Bandaranaike, prime minister of Sri Lanka 1956-59, died from wounds following the attack on him on September 25, Colombo, 1959.

TOMORROW
BIRTHS: Samuel Adams, American Revolution politician, Boston, 1722; George Cruikshank, illustrator, London, 1792; Alfred Mahan, naval historian, New York, 1840; Louis Botha, first prime minister of South Africa 1910-19; Greytown, Natal, 1862.

DEATHS: William of Wykeham, Bishop of Winchester, Bishop's Waltham, Hampshire, 1404; Edgar Degas, painter, Paris, 1917; Aristide Maillol, sculptor, Banyuls-sur-Mer, 1944; Clara Bow, the 'It' girl of silent films, Los Angeles, 1965.

Constructors' Company

At the September Court the following were elected officers of the Constructors' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Dr Kenneth Brown; Senior Warden, Mr Jack Neary; Renter Warden, Mr Geoffrey Perfect.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mrs Patrick Berrill will be held in Tewkesbury Abbey, on Thursday, October 22, at 2.30 pm.

Today's royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will open the new TA Centre of 105 (Scottish) Air *Defence Regiment, Royal Artillery* (Volunteers) in Dundee at 3.15.

The Princess of Wales will visit Ascot Races and present The Queen's Trophy in The Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at 12.15.

The Duke and Duchess of York will visit Mauritius until October 1.

The Duke of Kent, Patron of The Kent Opera, will attend a performance of *Il re Pastore* at the Queen Elizabeth Hall at 7.25.

The Duchess of Kent will open Martin House Hospice, Boston Spa, Leeds, at 11.30; and, as patron, will attend the Leeds International Pianoforte Competition Finals Night at Leeds Town Hall at 6.30.

Reception

HM Government
Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Scotland, was *host at a reception held* last night at 6 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, for Scottish head teachers.

Memorial Services

Sir Robin Chapman
The Lord-Lieutenant of Tyne and Wear and Lady Carr-Ellison attended a *service of thanksgiving* for the life and work of Sir Robin Chapman held yesterday at the Parish Church of South Shields. The Rev Malcolm Peach officiated, assisted by the Rev John Hancock and the Rev Anne Black. Sir David Chapman, son, read the lesson and the Rev Anthony Bartlett sang *Sunset and Morning Star* by Alfred Lord Tennyson. The Bishop of Jarrow gave an address. The Lord-Lieutenant of County Durham was present and the Mayor of South Tyneside was represented by the Deputy Mayor, accompanied by Mrs Maidment.

Mr and Mrs W.G. Scott-Brown
A service of thanksgiving for the lives of Mr and Mrs Walter Scott-Brown was held yesterday at the Priory Church of St Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield. The Rev Arthur Brown officiated, assisted by the Rev Alastair Dunn. Mr Graham Scott-Brown, son, read the lesson and Mr John Ballantyne gave an address.

Ball

RAF Association

The RAF Association held its annual "Battle of Britain" Ball at Grosvenor House last night. Air Chief Marshal Sir John Aiken, president of the association, accompanied by Lady Aiken, was the host. Among those present were:

The Chief of the Air Staff and Lady Craig, the President of the Royal British Legion and Lady Howard-Dobson, the Controller of the RAF Benevolent Fund, Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick and Lady Rosier and Group Captain Sir Hugh and the Hon Lady Dundas.

Dinner

Royal College of Radiologists
Professor E. Rhys Davies, President of the Royal College of Radiologists, and Mrs Davies were hosts yesterday at the annual dinner held at Christ Church, Oxford, yesterday. Among those present were:

Lord and Lady Dainton, Professor and Mrs R J Berry, Professor and Mrs K Boddy, Professor B Clayton, Mr and Miss O Deaville, Dr and Mrs E O L Hoskins, Mrs C Miles, Professor and Mrs B E W Nordenstrom, Dr D Pearson, Dr and Mrs R M Pollock, Professor and Mrs G R Seward, Professor and Mrs K Thomson, Mr and Mrs I P Todd and the Dean of Christ Church and Mrs Heaton.

Forthcoming marriages

Sir Foley Newns
and Mrs B. Wattles
The engagement is announced between Foley Newns and Beryl, widow of Ray Wattles, of the United States and Cambridge.

Mr C.A.E. Roch
and Miss A.S. Robertson
The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Mr and Mrs A.M. Roch, of Princess Grace Avenue, Monaco, and Alison, elder daughter of Dr J.M. Robertson, and the late Dr S. Robertson, and stepdaughter of Mrs J.M. Robertson, of Crossmount House, Rannoch, Perthshire.

Mr S.A. Avery
and Miss B.M. Chapples
The engagement is announced between Shaun, eldest son of Mr and Mrs M. Avery, of Looe, Cornwall, and Belinda, only daughter of Mr Godfrey Chapples, of Ewell, Surrey, and Mrs Rosemary Chapples, of Seer Green, Buckinghamshire.

Mr S.J. Barnes
and Miss S.C. Newton
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs N. Barnes, of Southfields Farm, Somerby, Leicestershire, and Stephanie, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.D. Newton, of Lagos, Nigeria.

Mr J.C. Breese
and Miss C.E. Coltman
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, eldest son of Dr and Mrs J.E. Breese, of Gedney, Lincolnshire, and Claire, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs S.R. Coltman, of Spalding, Lincolnshire.

Dr T.C. Coker
and Dr G.A.M. O'Mahony
The engagement is announced between Timothy, twin son of Mr and Mrs Frank Coker, of Penn, Buckinghamshire, and Grania, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Denis O'Mahony, of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

Mr R.M. Day
and Miss L.R. Macdonald
The engagement is announced between Rupert, only son of Mr Michael Day and Mrs John Brookes, and Lindsey, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Macdonald.

Mr P.R. Geen
and Miss H.L. Dunlop
The engagement is announced between Peter, only son of Mr and Mrs Philip Geen, of Epsom Downs, Surrey, and Lynn, elder daughter of Commodore and Mrs Sam Dunlop, of Owermoigne, Dorset.

Mr R. Gwilliam
and Miss V.J. Hall
The engagement is announced between Russell, youngest son of Mrs B.M. Walton, of Rustington, Sussex, and the late Mr P.G.A. Gwilliam, and Victoria, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs David Hall, of West Park, Leeds.

Mr D.M. Fox
and Mrs J.M. Kirkby
The engagement is announced between David Fox, of Farnborough, Hampshire, and Diana Kirkby, of Fareham, Hampshire.

Captain C.T.R. Hezlet
and Miss E.M. de Salis
The engagement is announced between Richard Hezlet, The Royal Hussars (PWO), son of the late Mr C.M.R. Hezlet and of Mrs C.M.R. Hezlet, of Tamworth, Australia, and Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Major and Mrs R.J. de Salis, of Punnett's Town, East Sussex.

Mr M.R. Hyde
and Miss E.M. Medlicott
The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mrs Mary Hyde-Bowring, of Kimbolton, Cambridgeshire, and the late Mr Robert Hyde, and Emma, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Francis Medlicott, of Brunei and Fulham, SW6.

Mr D.G. Ingham
and Miss J.M.L. Foulsham
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs F.J.P. Ingham, of Chipping Ongar, Essex, and Juliet, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Foulsham, of Vaucluse, Sydney, Australia.

Mr D. McLay
and Mlle K.M.G. Van Asten
The engagement is announced between Douglas, elder son of Mrs B.P. McLay, of Cramond, Edinburgh, and Kristel, elder daughter of M and Mme J. Van Asten, of Nivelles, Belgium.

Mr T.J.C. Sisley
and Miss F.S.M. Williams
The engagement is announced between Timothy Julian Crispin, son of Mr Stephen Yeoman, of Brasted, Kent, and Mrs Charmian Sisley, of Sandhurst, Kent, and Felicity Sarah Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Williams, of The New Hall, Hedon, East Yorkshire.

Lieutenant J.R. Tuck, RN,
and Miss A.J. Baker
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Mr and Mrs Clarence Tuck, of Lymington, Hampshire, and Alison, daughter of Judge Paul Baker, QC, and Mrs Baker, of Purley, Surrey.

Marriages

Mr P.N. Bray
and Countess Segur-Cabanac
The marriage took place on Thursday, September 24, 1987, at Chelsea Town Hall, of Mr Peter Bray, of London, and Marina Countess Segur-Cabanac, of Vienna.

Dr P. Hollis
and Miss L.A. Pavincich Horsley
The marriage took place on September 19, 1987, in the Chapel of Alleyn's College, Dulwich Village, London, between *Dr Peter Hollis and Miss Lesley* Pavincich Horsley.

Mr W. Kaba
and Miss B. Zananiri
The marriage of Mr Walid Kaba and Miss Brigitte Zananiri was blessed at the Greek Orthodox Church of Saint Sophia, London, by Archbishop Timothy on Saturday, September 19.

A dinner was held at Claridge's hotel.

Mr J. Stuart-Stevenson
and Mrs C.M-T. Sligo-Young
The marriage took place in Melbourne, Australia, on Friday, September 18, 1987, of Mr James Stuart-Stevenson, of Melbourne, to Mrs Clare Marie-Thérse Sligo-Young, formerly of Inzievar, Oakly, Fife, and 39 Moray place, Edinburgh.

Mr R.M. Symington
and Mrs T. Lindemann
The marriage took place on September 19, at Farm Street Church, between Mr Robert Macalaster Symington, and Mrs Tetka Gorayska Lindemann.

OBITUARY

MR EMLYN WILLIAMS

Playwright and actor of virtuosity

Mr Emlyn Williams, CBE, the actor and dramatist, died yesterday at the age of 81.

Williams was regarded over a long period as a prodigious man of the theatre, who did a number of things brilliantly, but was not, save in his sheer virtuosity, in the very first rank.

A born actor, he was the author and adaptor of several well-crafted plays, and as a solo performer of the works of Dickens and Dylan Thomas, he surpassed himself.

A remarkable power of concentration marked everything he did. On stage he developed a mesmeric quality. He was typically Welsh in build, short and compact with dark, searching eyes, and his speech — unusually lucid and measured — gave to his performances a quite uncommon theatricality. In old age he had an impressive thatch of white hair.

There were few players with his special theatrical technique. His very aspect seemed to hint at drama to come. His best plays, too, generated an ominous foreboding.

Williams liked a complicated plot of multiple ingenuities. Noticeably, he fell virtually silent after the stage upheaval in the mid-1950s, which ushered in the "new men", John Osborne, Samuel Becket and Harold Pinter, and taught audiences to think themselves too sophisticated for well-made plays presented on picture-frame stages.

But Williams did not *allow* this check to destroy his career. Instead, he gave himself almost wholly to acting (and two volumes of autobiography), returning again and again to his impersonation of Charles Dickens — a rendering of scenes from the works in the spirit of their creator — and more than once to his other solo feat, *A Boy Growing Up*, which restored the work of Dylan Thomas.

George Emlyn Williams was born at Pen-y-ffordd, Mostyn, Flintshire, on November 26, 1905, son of Richard Williams, an ex-Merchant Navy stoker, and Mary Williams, who began life as a maidservant. At that time his father had a green grocer's shop, but soon after Emlyn's birth they took a lease on a village public house where Emlyn grew up. At the age of eight he learned English from French nuns.

Later, when Williams senior was foreman at a steelworks, Emlyn came under the influence of Miss Cooke, the teacher at Holywell County School to whom he owed so much, and who is described affectionately in *George* (1961), the first volume of his autobiography. Thanks to her insistent belief in him, he won, in 1923, an open scholarship in French to Christ Church, Oxford.

Gradually, through these Oxford years (during which he had a breakdown, and left the university for a while) it was clear that he would disappoint his parents' hopes of a career

in the Ministry or in teaching, and go on the stage. He belonged to the OUDS, and there he received his earliest notice from a London critic (for a few lines in *Henry IV, Part II*), Agate's "I think I spy an actor in Mr G. E. Williams, who gave the small part of Morton very well indeed."

Ultimately (1927), he made his professional début, a brief entrance in *And So To Bed* (Savoy, and Shubert, New York). At the end of 1928 he acted in the short London run of his own completely uncharacteristic play, *Glamour*, and, rather more than two years afterwards, had his first West End success, the Italian hanger-on, to Charles Laughton's Percelli, in Edgar Wallace's *On The Spot* (1930).

This was the year of his accomplished thriller, *A Murder Has Been Arranged*, set in a haunted theatre.

By now he was a coming man. He fortified his position with the hysterical Lord Lebanon in Wallace's *The Case of the Frightened Lady* (1931). Parts, and plays of his own, began to accumulate. He adapted from the French *The Late Christopher Bean* (1933). But he had no luck (1934) with a fastidious Elizabethan madrigal-comedy, *Spring 1600*, though it came back twelve years later in a revised version.

Williams then wrote and appeared in (Duchess, 1935; New York, 1936) one of his best plays, *Night Must Fall*, a head-in-a-hatbox thriller, into which he injected a menacing, sultry quality.

His next venture, *He Was Born Gay* (1937), was an uncertain period piece, which was not a success. But the failure was soon forgotten in the blaze of glory in which his next effort, *The Corn is Green* (1938) made its entrance. It was semi-autobiographical: the single-minded schoolmistress, created by Sybil Thorndike, who urges the pit-boy to go to Oxford, was based on Miss Cooke; Williams acted the pit-boy. *The Corn is Green* was an immediate success with audiences, and ran for almost two years.

Shortly before this, for the Old Vic, he had played Angelo (*Measure for Measure*) and Richard III, but he was not naturally a Shakespearian, and, in spite of his concentrated attack on both roles, neither came across fully.

He appeared in two more of his lesser plays, *The Light of Heart* (1940) about a famous actor who drinks, and *The Morning Star* (1941), Chelsea in the blitz, but did not take a part in his agreeable comedy, *The Druid's Rest* (1944), which was set in a Welsh public-house such as his father had kept.

He was utterly persuasive as the rhetorical circus proprietor-turned-evangelist in his next play *The Wind of Heaven* (1945), a re-telling, as a 19th century parable, of the tale of Christ's birth seen through the eyes of believers and unbelievers.

He wrote five more plays, in three of which he acted, not always to unanimous acclaim. But he gave some fine performances in the works of other authors, as the barrister in Rattigan's *The Winslow Boy* (1947) and as Hjalmar Ekdal in *The Wild Duck* (1955).

He had also directed, scripted and appeared in a film, *The Last Days of Dolwyn*, and it was through the success of this, and by giving chances to gifted younger compatriots such as Richard Burton — who had his first professional role in *The Druid's Rest* — that Williams helped to raise the standing of Wales in the British theatre, at that time.

A Stratford season (Angelo, Iago, Shylock, 1956) was only moderate successful; but he had already branched out into the activity which was to crown his acting career, the frequently-revived Dickens and Dylan Thomas programmes. The first (1951), repeated at various times and in many parts of the world, restored Dickens's setting, reading desk, arm-rest, ledge for water-bottle and white gloves, and, uncannily, the man's physical appearance, complete with forked beard and red geranium.

The stories, a flood of narrative in that clear, vibrant tone with its control of timing and pointing, moved between the Podsnappery of *Our Mutual Friend* and the dramatic tension of *A Tale of Two Cities*. In 1953 Williams devoted an entire evening to *Bleak House*, but the miscellany was always more popular.

He also caught Dylan Thomas's fire and flourish in the reading *A Boy Growing Up*.

Besides *The Last Days of Dolwyn* Williams, also did a good deal of acting in the cinema, with parts in film versions of such novels as *Ivanhoe* and *David Copperfield*, and of plays such as *Major Barbara* and Rattigan's *The Deep Blue Sea*.

His autobiography was published in two volumes, *George* and *Emlyn*.

He received an Hon LLD (Bangor) in 1949, and was appointed CBE in 1962.

He was married to Molly O'Shann, who died in 1970. They had two sons.

MISS MARY ASTOR

Miss Mary Astor, the American film actress, died in Los Angeles yesterday, at the age of 81.

In a career stretching over 40 years, she appeared in more than 100 films, and will probably be best remembered as Brigid O'Shaunessy, the treacherous heroine of John Huston's *The Maltese Falcon*. It was a part that perfectly suited her ability to convey the venom benath a cool exterior which produced a notable line of screen bitches.

She had her share of typecasting, playing vulnerable beauties at the start of her career and sympathic mothers towards the end of it, but she brought to her work a skill and intelligence that could transcend banal material and even her smallest parts were seldom less than watchable. Her reputation has grown.

She would have achieved more had her life not been beset by personal difficulties. Broken marriages, mental breakdowns and recurrent alcoholism — described with unusual candour in her autobiography, *My Life* — not only provided rich material for the Hollywood gossip columns but interrupted and often overshadowed her progress as an actress.

Mary Astor was born Lucile Langhanke in Quincy, Illinois, on May 3, 1906. She was pushed into films by a determined German immigrant father, who moved the family home first to Chicago and then New York so that she would be nearer the studios.

A screen test for D.W. Griffiths proved abortive but in 1921 she signed a six-month contract with Famous Players-Lasky and made her screen debut in *Sentimental Tommy*.

*She graduated from two-*reelers to features and after signing a new and more lucrative contract with Famous Players, she moved from New York to Hollywood, where in 1924 she had her first important role as John Barrymore's leading lady in *Beau Brummel*. She played opposite Douglas Fairbanks in *Don Q, Son of Zorro* and was, with Barrymore again in *Don Juan*, one of the first pictures with synchronized music.

When talking pictures arrived, towards the end of the 1920s she surprisingly failed a voice test and was out of work for a while. But she proved her facility with a dialogue in the comedy, *Holiday*, and had good parts in *Red Dust*, with Clark Gable and Jean Harlow, and in two thrillerrs with Edward G. Robinson.

In 1936 she hit the headlines when her personal diary, containing references to past love affairs, was produced in court during a legal battle for the custody of her child.

The scandal blew over, however, and in the same year she gave one of her best performances as the young widow in William Wyler's *Dodsworth*. There followed one of the most productive periods of her career, which included films like *The Prisoner of Zenda*, John Ford's *The Hurricane* and *Brigham Young*, and a rare stage appearance in *Tonight at 8.30* by Noël Coward.

In 1941, with shingled hair and an acid tongue, she was more than a match for Bette Davis in a triangle drama, *The Great Lie*, and won an Oscar as best supporting actress.

The Maltese Falcon came next, a brilliant rendering of Dashiell Hammett's private eye thriller that has become a Hollywood classic; and on the strength of its success Astor was teamed with the same director, John Huston, and leading man, Humphrey Bogart, in a spy piece, *Across the Pacific*.

Though she was still in her thirties, her career had reached its peak and started to go into a decline, a process undeniably accelerated by the strains in her private life. She was already playing mothers, most effectively in *Meet Me in St Louis* and *Little Women*, but in a brief, telling role as a whore in Fred Zinnemann's *Act of Violence* showed what she could still do with more challenging material.

In 1949 her health broke down and in the next seven years she made only one film. She returned to the theatre and during the 1950s was seen frequently on television, in plays and popular drama series. Her later film work was mainly in cameo roles, of which the best were the jealous mother in *Return to Peyton Place* and a murderous old lady in *Hush, Hush, Sweet Charlotte*. She retired from acting in 1964.

She wrote two books of reminiscences and also several novels. Her first husband, Kenneth Hawks (brother of the director, Howard *Hawks*) was killed in a plane crash and her three other marriages ended in divorce; she had two children.

MR W. T. CLARK

Mr W. T. Clark, OBE, who died on September 1, was *one* of the small group of British public servants whose life was spent largely in maintaining British influence in the Middle East.

His career, which spanned 40 years and often involved him in political controversy, culminated as adviser to the ruler of Abu Dhabi.

William Clark was born in 1905, in South Wales, and educated at Cambridge.

In 1927 he won one of the few places in the Sudan Political Service, the unique organization which administered the Sudan under the Anglo-Eqyptian Condominium.

He became Commissioner in Port Sudan.

He remained in the service *until* Sudan neared independence in the 1950s, when he joined the United Nations Relief and Works Agency. He became the Agency's director in Jordan in 1954 and later assistant director-general for the Middle East.

The Jordan post involved close contacts with Ministers and with the civil and ecclesiastical authorities.

His contract with the United Nations was abruptly ended in 1961, and he became for a short time development secretary in Oman before being appointed secretary and adviser to the Ruler of Abu Dhabi. He left in 1966 when Sheikh Shakbut was deposed in favour of his brother.

Clark was unmarried.

إصكان الاجل

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Sing, O heavens: and be joyful, O earth; and break *forth into singing*, O mountains: for the Lord hath comforted his people, and will have *mercy upon his afflicted*.
Isaiah 49 : 13

BIRTHS

CADOUX-HUDSON - On September 18th 1987, to Ann (née Reddrop) and James, a son, Jonathon Patrick.

CAIRNS - On September 22nd, to Penelope (née Bray) and John, a daughter, Tamsin *Alexandra*, a sister for Christabel.

CROZIER - On 23rd September, 1987, to Suzanne and Ian, a son Joshua Robert.

GALWEY - On September 24th, in Quirindi, NSW, to Alexandra (née *Cohen) and Andrew*, a son, William, a brother for John.

GRAHAM - On September 19th, at The Wellington Hospital, to Cherry (née Brierley) and Jamie, a son, Thomas James Martin, a brother for Christina.

GREEN - On September 22nd, at R.U.H., Bath, to Julie and Richard, a daughter, Sophie, a sister for Thomas.

JAMES - On September 21st, at St. Thomas' Hospital, to Kate (née Holliday) and David, a daughter, Alice Louise Christian.

JONES - On September 24th 1987, to *Bridget (née Linington)* and Jack, a son, Christopher Peter.

PAINE - On September 24th, at St Mary's Portsmouth, to Jane and Russell, a daughter, Harriet.

PETTIT - On September *15th, in* Singapore, to Jane (née Randall) and Richard, a son, Henry.

SANDLE - On September 7th, at The Rosie, Cambridge, to Sue (née Mee) and Hugh, a son, Peter James.

STEVENSON - On September 22nd, at The Simpson Memorial Maternity Pavilion, Edinburgh, to Susie (née Blades) and Peter, a son, George Dennistoun, a brother for Mary.

WIPER - *On September 21st*, at St. Peter's, Chertsey, to Joan and Philip, a daughter, Olivia Clare.

RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

DAWE:CAREW-GIBSON - On September 27th, 1947, at Holy Trinity, Henley-on-*Thames*, Derek *to Patricia*, now at Adelaide House, Braywick, Maidenhead.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

CHEYNEY:WEY - On September 26th 1937, at St Andrew's Church, Fulham, Edward to Ellen.

DEATHS

BANTING - On September 22nd, Christine (Dr Sandford) in the garden of John and Christine's retirement home at 1 North Curry Manor. Funeral North Curry Parish Church Monday September 28th at 2.45pm. No flowers, please. Donations, for new Home Care Service which Christine helped to create, to: Revd J Binnian Bodenham Farm, Bodenham lane, Wolverley, Worcs. A memorial service will be announced later.

BOYD - On September 23rd, suddenly at home, Austin Gordon, aged 82, dearly loved by all his family and many friends. Service at Barham Crematorium, Kent, 12 noon, Thursday October 1st. No flowers by request.

CROYSDILL - On September 21st, suddenly at his home, Dennis Oliver. Dearest husband of Katherine, devoted father of Denise and John, and beloved brother of Eileen. Service at South London Crematorium, SW16 on Wednesday September 30th at 2pm. Flowers may be sent to WA Truelove & Son Ltd, High Street, Cheam.

DUKE - On September 24th 1987, peacefully, Frances Norman, widow of Sir Norman Duke, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., lately of Regent Terrace, Edinburgh. Funeral 2.00pm Thursday 1st October at Tillerton Hersy, Warwick. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to Heart Foundation, 102 Gloucester Place, London, W1.

EVISON - On September 22nd, at Choma, Zambia in an air accident Colin beloved husband of Bestar. Interment in Lusaka.

GRIFFITHS - On September 24th, Hubert Christopher T.D., dear husband of Ethel Elizabeth and father of Jane. Please no letters.

HARRISON - On September 22nd 1987, peacefully in his sleep at home in Palm Beach, Florida, William, beloved *husband of Evelyn* (née Prebensen) and father of Alexandra and Elizabeth.

HAY - On September 23rd 1987, suddenly but peacefully at Edinglassie, James Malcolm beloved husband of Mary and much loved father and grand-father. Funeral Monday 28th September, 11.00am, at St. Margaret's Church, Huntly, followed by private burial. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Church Fabric Fund.

HOBBS - On September 24th, Agnes *Mathilda*, beloved *wife* of Noel and dearly loved mother of Gerald, Anne, John and Elizabeth. Requiem Mass at Ealing Abbey, Ealing, London W5 at 10.30am on Thursday October 1st 1987.

ILIFFE - On September 23rd 1987, suddenly Del Iliffe aged 62 years of Seaford. Funeral Service Wednesday September 30th at The Down's Crematorium, Brighton at 11.30am. Flowers may be sent to Bennett Funeral Services, 8 Sutton Park Road, Seaford, Sussex. Telephone 0323 895771

LUXMOORE-BALL - On September 24th, peacefully after a short illness, the Reverend Cecil Michael Luxmoore-Ball, aged 73 years, beloved husband of Felicity and dearly loved father of Adrian Simon and Nigel, grand-father of Robin and Sara. Funeral Serivce, St. Mary's, Bishops Lydeard, on Tuesday September 29th at 2.30pm. Followed by Private Burial at St. Thomas's, Cothelstone. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Cancer Research.

MASSY - On September 17th 1987, peacefully at the Lancaster Royal Infirmary, Hugh Caruthers, late Major of 4th/7th Dragoon Guards, Kenya Police Reserve (Mounted Section) and Kenya Game Department, Anti-poaching Mobile Force, late Farm Manager of Lismavagh and Ballinatray, Ireland. Survive by widow Pamela of High Leasghyll, Milnthorpe, Cumbria. Private cremation took place on Tuesday 22nd September, 1987.

MATTINSON - On September 23rd 1987, peacefully at Salisbury, Donald Hamilton aged 76 years, dearly loved husband of Joyce, father of Christopher and Peter and grandfather of Sally, Louise, Victoria and Kate. Will be sadly missed. Funeral service at Salisbury Crematorium on Wednesday 30th September at 2.15pm. Donations if desired to Cancer Research, c/o H.A. Harrold & Son, 77 Estcourt Road, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3AX.

RUSSELL - On *September* 24th, at home, Little Sutton, Wirral, aged 66 years, Dr Michael Hibberd, the beloved husband of Pamela and father of Anthony and Nicholas. Funeral service at St Paul's Church, Hooton, Wirral, on Tuesday 29th September at 1.30pm, prior to committal at Chester Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to The League of Friends, Clatterbridge Hospital, Bebington, Wirral. Enquiries, telephone: 051-339 2129.

TAYLOR - On September 23rd 1987, peacefully at The Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, Peter *Joseph Taylor O.B.E.*, aged 55. Dearly loved husband of Angela, loving father of Amanda and Amelia, and devoted *grandfather* of Emma and Richard. Service at St. Andrew's Church, Ferring, Sussex on Tuesday September 29th at 1.15pm. Flowers and enquiries to H. D. Tribe Ltd, 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing. Tel: Worthing (0903) 34516.

TELESIO - On September 25th, suddenly, Gian Luca, brother of Gabriele, in his 23rd year. In loving memory.

TODD - On September 23rd 1987, peacefully at her home, Audrey Todd, widow of the late George Todd, of *Manton*. Cremation *at* Swindon Crematorium 1st October 1987 at 2.30 pm. All enquiries to Thomas Free, The Parade, Marlborough, Wilts.

VAN DOORNINCK - On September 24th peacefully at his home in West Wales, Dyfed Lt. Cmdr. Damian Joan Van Doorninck. Private cremation, September 28th, family flowers only donations if desired to Withybush Hospital, Haverford West, C/o Ken Davies & Sons, Blaenwern, Clunderwen, Dyfed, Wales. Telephone 09912 319

WARREN - On September 18th 1987, at the Princess Elizabeth Hospital, *Guernsey*, Beryl May, aged 64 years, widow of Alec Stephen of Maison Pommier, Sark. Funeral Service at St. Peter's Church, Sark on Monday 28th September at 12.30pm. Relatives and friends kindly accept this intimation. Flowers may be sent to the Church.

WICKENS - On September 24th, in Hospital at Nottingham, William James, aged 88, late of Bury St. Edmunds and Romsey, Hampshire. Husband *of Truda, father* of Tony, Valerie and David.

WINSTON - On September 23rd, peacefully in hospital in his 80th year. Claud devoted husband of the late Phyllis and brother Derek, stepfather over many years of Aubrey and Val. And greatly loved by them and both their families. Cremation at Randall's Park Crematorium, Leatherhead on Wednesday September 30th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired should be sent to The Royal National Institute for the Deaf, 105 Gower Street, London, WC1 E6AH.

IN MEMORIAM - WAR

DUNDAS - In proud and loving memory of Henry Dundas, M.C. (and Bar), Acting Captain, 1st Battalion, Scots Guards, Scholar-elect of Christ Church, Oxford, who was killed in action at the Canal du Nord, September 27th 1918, aged 21.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

BATTCOCK - *Oliver Gordon. Actor.* Producer. Cricketer. In happy memory. Guy's Hospital September *26th 1970. Family and friends.*

WILL - Oscar died September 26th 1986. Cherished friend, greatly missed.

Science report

An exact check on the heart

By Andrew Wiseman

A new method of assessing how well the heart is doing its job and which could prevent possible heart attacks, has been developed at the Kerckhoff Clinic of the Max-Planck Society *in* Bad Neuheim. For the first time doctors there can *measure pressure and volume* inside the heart chambers *simultaneously*.

The technique, which took several years to perfect, is based on an electricity conducting catheter, a hollow tube that can be inserted into the chamber of the heart. It was developed originally by the Dutch Professor Jan Baan.

From a mechanical point of view, the heart is a pump. To judge how efficiently it works, cardiologists need to know under what pressure blood is forced into the arteries and how much blood each heart beat introduces into the vascular system.

Doctors are particularly concerned with the chamber on the left side of the heart, which pumps oxygen-rich blood through the body. When it becomes damaged, it is essential to find out how far it still fulfils its function, and what effect drugs might have on *improving performance*.

There are two main ways of doing this. Both use a catheter, either in conjunction with X-ray techniques or ultra sound. Both suffer from disadvantages.

The first interferes with the action of the heart, by disturbing its rhythm; and only measures pressure. *The* second, a combination of pressure measurements and *simultaneous* ultra sound recordings, allows doctors to *calculate* volume, but is not sufficiently accurate.

Five years ago a team of doctors and engineers at the Bad Neuheim clinic set themselves the task of developing equipment that could measure pressure and volume within the left chamber — heartbeat by heartbeat.

Their first step was to combine catheter pressure measurement techniques with nuclear-medical diagnostic methods. This allows blood, linked with a radioactive isotope, to be "filmed" inside the chamber with *a special camera*. The experiments were *successful, but* required a very high level of technology.

***On top of that it took three to five minutes to do the* measurements, which only provided a *pressure-volume* diagram of about 300 heart beats. The breakthrough came when the researchers took up Prof Baan's conductance catheter with its eight equidistant platinum electrodes. Inserted into the chamber of the heart, it measures pressure, just like a conventional catheter. But, because blood conducts electricity and the walls of the heart do not, it also measures volume.**

***The two extreme electrodes* are used to create a definable *electric field within the blood* stream. The strength of this field depends on the distribution of the blood, which alters with every heart beat. These changes are identified by the other six electrodes, providing cardiologists with a constant and accurate record of blood volume within the chamber.**

***It is hoped that this conductance-catheter-technique* will soon became *available to hospitals* throughout Germany. *The researchers are planning* to adapt it to the right chamber of the heart, where the volume of blood cannot yet be measured with sufficient accuracy.**

Services tomorrow

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 S Euch; 9.30 M (Quire); 10.30 Ordination of Deacons and Priests, Canterbury Mass (Piccolo), Litany (Piccolo), Rev J H R de Sausmarez; 3.15 E, Responses (Smith), Short Service (Byrd), Ascending into heaven (Weir); 6.30 ES, Rev W F Kemp.

YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 9.30 MP; 10.30 S Euch & *Ordination* by the Lord Archbishop, Stanford in B flat, Litany (Moore), O Sacrum Convivium (Tallis), Rev M Broadhead; 4 E, Sumsion in G, Lord thou hast been our refuge (Bairstow), Mrs J Mayland.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Benedictus & Te Deum (Sumsion in C), Rt Rev T Butler; *11.30 HC, Stanford* in C & F, Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow); 3.15 E, Stanford in A, Insanae et vanae curae (Haydn), Rev P Ball.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Responses (Gibbons-Barnard), Collegium Regale (Howells), Expectans expectavi (Wood), Rev F Wright; 11.40 S Euch, Missa brevis (Palestrina); 3 E, Dyson in D, How lovely is thy dwelling place (Brahms), Canon S Charles; 5.45 *Organ Recital*; 6.30 ES, Canon S Charles.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Euch, Harwood in A flat, Sacerdotes Domini (Byrd), Adoremus in aeternum (Allegri), The Rosy Sequence (Plainsong), Canon R Bird; 3 E, Jackson in G, O sing unto the Lord (Purcell), Canon P Penwarden.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 10.30, 12, 5.30, 7 SM, Mass for five voices (Byrd), *Super flumina* Babylonis (Palestrina), Christus factus est (Bruckner); 3.30 V & B, Magnificat *octavi toni* (Bevan), Ubi caritas et amor (Duruflé).

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10, 12.15, 6 LM; 11 HM, Dixit Maria (Hasler), Cantate Domino (Pitoni), Fr Francis.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 11 HC & M (Harvest), Pleasure it is (Cornish), Fear not O land (Harris), The Chaplain.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M; 12 HC, Coldstream Guards, The *Chaplain*.

TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: 9.15 HC; 11 M, Stanford in B flat, O God thou art my God (Purcell), *The Chaplain*.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9, 12.15 HC; 11 M, Collegium Regale (Howells), *Hear my prayer* (Purcell), Rev T Robinson.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; *11 M, Stanford in C*, Angel spirits (Tchaikovsky), Rev J Blease; 3.30 E, Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow), Murrill in E, Factum est silentium (Dering).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S Euch, Rev K Ricketts; 4 E, Rev P Blewett.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 8.15 LM; 11 HM, Omnium Sanctorum (Hutchings), *Alleluia psallat* (Mathias), Rev A Atwell; 6 E & B, Day in B flat, Hail Gladdening light (Wood), Rev J A Cullen.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 9.30 HC; 11 Rev R Bewes; 6.30 Rev J Stott.

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Old Church Street, SW3: 8, 12 HC; 10 *Children's Service*; 11 M, *Rev* P A Delaney; 6 E, Preb L Thomson.

CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 11 Parish C, Rev D R Watson.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: 8.15 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa Sancti Johannis de Deo (Haydn), Greater love (Ireland), Prelude & Fugue in G minor (*Buxtehude*), Rev A W Marks.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 8.30 HC (1662); 10.30 HC (ASB), Preb J T C B Collins; 6.30 ES, Rev N K Lee.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30, 12.05 HC; 11 MP, Rev O Clarke.

HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8.30, 12.10 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Canon Roberts.

ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St, EC1: 9.30 SM; 11 HM, Missa festiva (Peeters), Bring unto the Lord (Hewitt-Jones), *Rev M Sherwin*; 5.30 LM.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 8.30 HC; 11 M & Euch, Jubilate (Weelkes), Noble in A, Canon J Oates; 6.30 E, *Responses (Langston), Magnificat &* Nunc Dimittis, Purcell in G minor, O Lord look down from heaven (Battishill), Wash me throughly (Wesley), Ave verum (Wills).

ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens SW5: 10 HC; 11 S Euch, Sumsion in F, Duo Seraphim (Victoria), Rev Bill.

ST CYPRIAN'S, Clarence Gate, *NW1*: 8 LM; 10.30 M; 11 SM, Fr Harding.

ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 Parish C; 6.30 E.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Ireland in C, How beautiful upon the mountains (Stainer), *Rev G D Walkins*.

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High St, WC2: 8, 12 HC; 11 MP, Rev P Galloway; 6.30 EP, Rev P Galloway.

ST JAMES'S, *Muswell Hill*, N10: 8 HC; 11 Harvest festival, Rev G Rowlandson; 6.30 EP, Rev M Bunker.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch; 6 EP.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Mass in G (Schubert), Rev J Haselock; *6* E, Murrill in E, Where thou reignest (Schubert), Rev J Haselock.

ST JOHN'S, WOOD CHURCH, NW8: 8 HC; 9.30 Parish C; 11 S Euch, Mass for four voices (Monteverdi), The Vicar; 6.30 E, The Vicar.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 7 HC; 10.30 MP & HC, Schubert in G, In the heavenly kingdom (Harris), Rev B Dodsworth; 6.30 E, Rev M Butchers.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family C; 11 S Euch, Stanford in C, Almighty and Everlasting God (Gibbons), *Rev T D Jones*.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 8.15, 12.15 HC; 11 M, The Rector.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, Rev S Roberts; 11.30 MP, The Vicar; 2.45 Chinese Service; *4.30 E, Responses (Leighton)*, Gloucester Service (Howells), Ave Maria (Bruckner); 6.30 EP, Rev S Roberts.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington, W8: 8, 12.30 HC; *9.30 S Euch*; 11.15 M; 6.30 E, Rev A R Boddy.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45, 7 LM; 11 HM, Missa brevis in C (Schubert), I waited for the Lord, O for the wings of a dove (Mendelssohn), Fr N Kavanagh; 6.15 E & B.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8, 11 HC, The heavens are telling (Haydn), Rev L Griffiths; 6.30 Rev C H Cooke.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: *8.15, 11 HC, Rev J Crossley*; 7.30 ES, Mr T Pinkny & Mr W Curran.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 M; 12.15 HC, Darke in F, Factum est silentium (Dering), Bishop of Fulham.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC; 11 S Euch, Beli Amphitrit Altera (Lassus), O how happy a thing *it is* (Giles), Factum est Silentium (de Monte), Rev R Davis.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family M; 11 SM, Missa O quam gloriosum (Vittoria), Praise the Lord all ye Gentiles (Byrd), Fr D B Tillyer.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3: 8, 12.15 HC; 11 MP, Williams in G, Exsultate justi (Viadana), Mr H *Craig*; 6.30 E, Dyson *in F*, Expectans Expectavi (Wood), Preb J Pearce.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM; 11 HM, Missa Super Le Bergere (*Lassus*), *Factus est silentium* (Deering), Fr R Browne; 6 E & B, Fr G Morgan.

THE ANNUNCIATION, Bryanston Street, *W1*: 11 SM, *Missa Ecce quam* bonum (Hassler), Factum est silentium in caelo (de Monte); 6 LM & B.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 Dr G Lachlan; 6.30 Love unknown (Hughes).

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15, Harvest Thanksgiving, Rev K Hughes; 6.30 Rev K Hughes.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 8, 10, 12, 4, 6 LM; 11 SM, Mass *for four voices* (Monteverdi), Gaudent in *coelis* (Vittoria), Tantum ergo (Duruflé).

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM.

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 SM, Missa brevis (Palestrina), Super flumina Babylonis (Palestrina).

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensington High Street, W8: 8, 9, 10, 12.30, 6.30 LM; 11 HM, Mass in D (Dvorak), Super flumina Babylonis (Palestrina), Domine salvam fac (*Zacchariä*).

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
NO 003833 of 1987
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF W S MOODY HOLDINGS PLC
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 30th July 1987 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for *the confirmation of the cancellation of the* Share Premium Account of the above-named Company.

AND NOTICE is further given that the said Petition is directed to be heard before The Honourable Mr Justice Peter Gibson at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday the 5th day of October 1987

ANY creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an *Order for the confirmation of the said* cancellation of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the under mentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
NO 003933 of 1987
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF STOTHERT & PITT
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IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

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Friday 2 Oct 7.30 pm	**THE LONDON PHILHARMONIC** NatWest Bank Classics for Pleasure Series Carl Davis (conductor) Jae Park (violin) Programme includes works by Carl Davis, Sibelius, Khachaturian and J. Strauss. All seats £4.75 (exc. choir £2) London Philharmonic Enterprises Ltd
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TCHAIKOVSKY .... Fantasy Ovt, Romeo & Juliet
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Soloist: BORIS BELKIN

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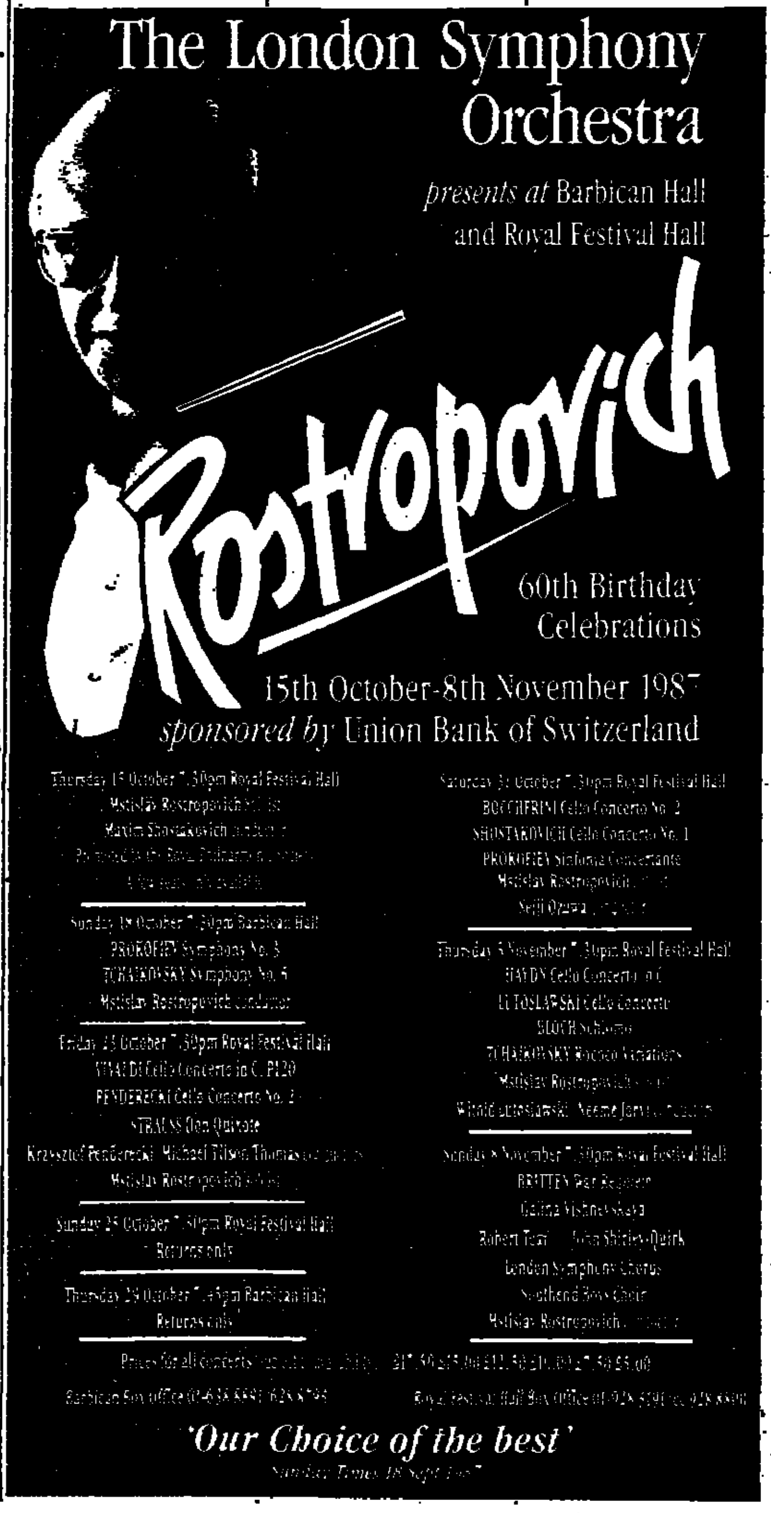

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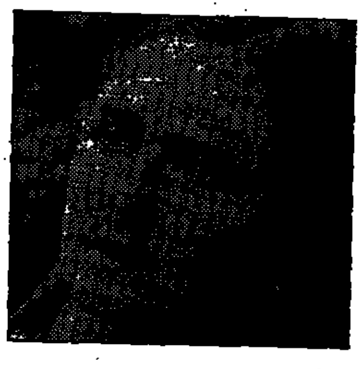
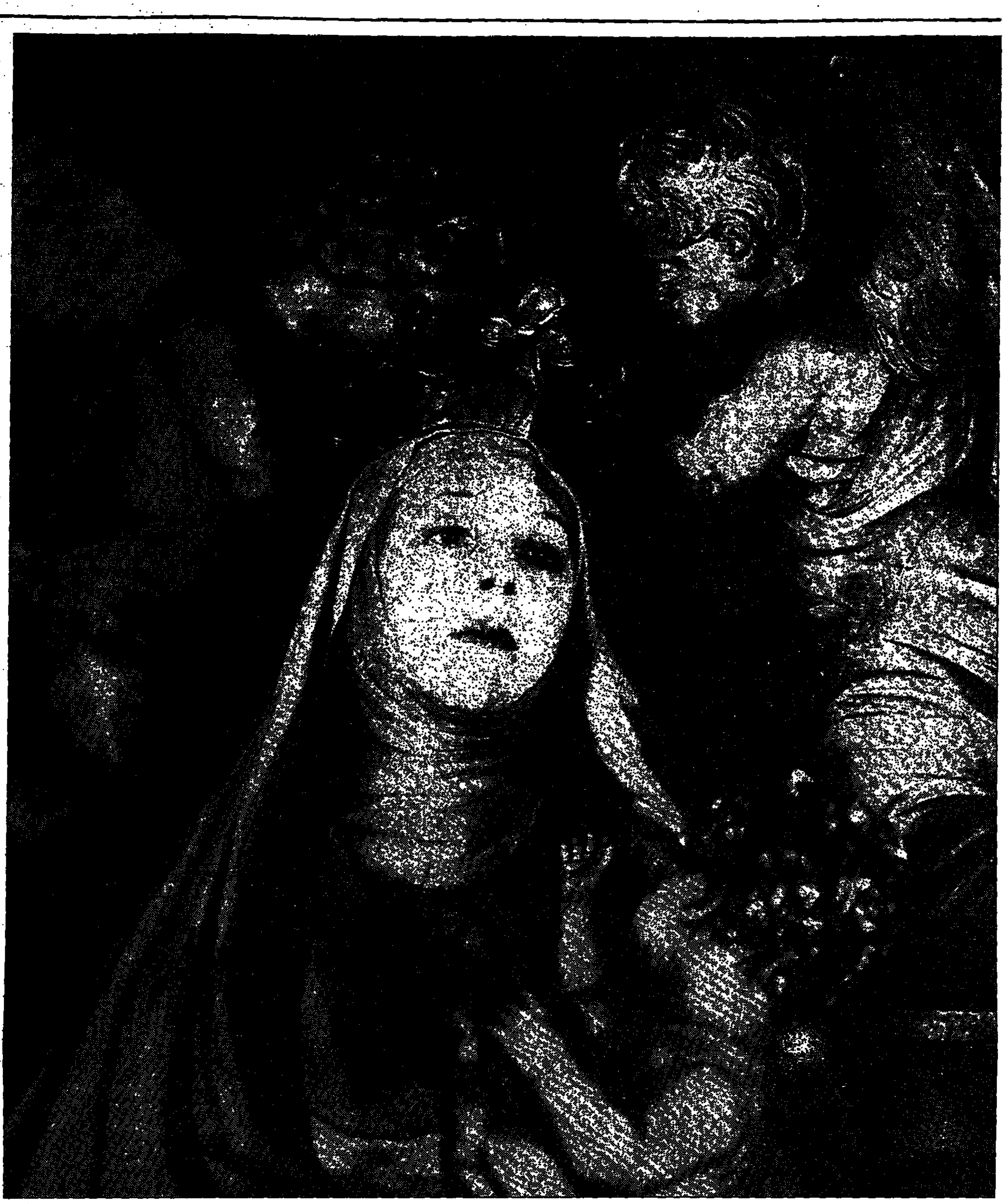


Diana Cooper is recalled in a new scrapbook by her grand-daughter Artemis (above). **Libby Purves** turned the pages



The Madonna: Cecil Beaton's photographs of Lady Diana in C.B. Cochran's version of *The Miracle* were the first he took of her; many more followed as their friendship ripened

As Artemis Cooper is the only granddaughter of Lady Diana Cooper, editor of her love-letters and author of the new *Diana Cooper Scrapbook*, I thought it would be nice to photograph her in one of the statuesque poses favoured by her ancestor: reclining on a chaise longue, perhaps, or clutching her breast in a theatrical gesture. Artemis was reluctant.

"Well, the thing is, you see, I wouldn't be able to smile. She never smiled for photographs: said it was vulgar, and that one looked more beautiful if one didn't."

I flipped through the book again, and found that she was quite right. The toothy grin is a very modern aid to beauty: in the Twenties and Thirties, when Diana Cooper was the darling of London society and the toast of Paris, a professional beauty's repertoire included soulfulness, queenly disdain and a slight Mona Lisa smirk: but even when pictured throwing an arm round some dear friend at San Vigilio, or "playing" with her baffled-looking baby John Julius (now Lord Norwich), Diana Cooper did not smile. She posed, instead. Indeed, one Bahamian holiday snap reveals that she was capable without cracking up in vulgar laughter, of striking a Madame Recamier attitude even when leaning on the corpse of a gigantic dead shark. Caught, of course, by herself.

Smiling Artemis, at home in her little terrace house in Fulham, is wise enough not to try to compete with her late legendary grandmother. "I spent a lot of time with her when I was young, seven and eight, and my own parents were abroad. "She was wonderful to me, taught me all the Greek legends, poems, bits of Shakespeare; but like all gifts of the gods, someone like that is a bit of a two-edged sword. I would look at this woman, with her wonderful eyes, shining white skin, great beauty, and I would feel small and grey and rather mousy, and wonder, 'Oh, how will I ever be as admired as Diana?' "

She was not a cosy granny, any more than she had been a cosy mother to her son. "She found it hard to celebrate childhood for its own sake. She felt that one had to get on with the job of pleasing people and being grown-up. My father was the same. And all my life, I remember everyone saying how marvellous my grandmother was. I never did come to hate her; but when I got older I found I had to get away from John Julius, Diana, and all of them."

She got her Oxford degree – "the first thing in my life I really knew that my family couldn't have fixed for me" – then took the hippy trail to Kathmandu, and worked in New Mexico for a couple of years. She moved as far as possible from the modern equivalent of her grandmother's energetically social whirl, from dressing-up and posing and parties and brittle wit; and when she came back, she felt detached enough to take on the job of editing the love letters of Duff and Diana Cooper (*A Durable Fire*, published shortly before Diana's death).

The *Scrapbook*, her latest contribution to the Diana Cooper industry, is probably also her last. "I am already well ahead with my next book, which is about the political and social aspects of Cairo during the war. Everyone says, 'What next, Artemis, the *Diana Cooper Cookery Book?*', but I don't think so. Although she did make wonderful cheeses, you know." I boggled, slightly. "Oh, when she was running her wartime smallholding down in Bognor, she experimented with camemberts, everything. She really threw herself into things. That was her charm."

I had forgotten about Lady Diana's brief farming career; it gets submerged, somehow, behind the images of the bright young thing, the actress, political wife, ambassadress and socialite. But sure enough, turn the pages of the scrapbook to 1941 and there she is, photographed (by Cecil Beaton, of course) in the act of milking a cow called Princess. Marie Antoinette, one cannot help feeling, also ran.

The scrapbook format is a very useful one: it enabled Artemis, who respects her family's feelings, to combine a filially discreet and factual text with a huge number of press cuttings and photographs which are, frankly, hilarious. Some of the hilarity lies in the big-eyed, self-conscious posing of the heroine: a woman whose passport photograph for years was Cecil Beaton's portrayal of herself dressed as the painter Tiepolo's idea of Cleopatra, and who claimed in her autobiography that when the frontier guards no longer recognized her from that picture, she would stop travelling.

But even when one comes of a harsh new generation, bored by the cult of wonderful Twenties figures, it is difficult not to find oneself sneaking over to Diana's side before long. Who could fail to like the woman who described Winston Churchill, in his boiler-suit, as "looking exactly like the good little pig who built his house with bricks"?

Besides, the main source of laughs in the book is the inspired grovelling of the contemporary press, for which you can hardly blame Diana. She was their "Lady Di" long before ours was born: there is an eerie familiarity about their adoration. Headlines like "Will Lady Di Become World's Greatest Star?" heralded her acting career as The Virgin Queen and as the statue of the Madonna in C. B. Cochran's production of *The Miracle*. Her arrival in America produced headlines like "Lady Diana Manners Liked Wallpapers of Hotel"; and her motoring peccadilloes back in London were chronicled as breathlessly as any modern incidents of royal speeding: "Lady Diana Was In A Hurry – Pays £3 fine"; or "Lady Duff Cooper In Red Slacks – Court Fine Sequel To Motoring Offence". Also wearing a large Mexican hat, she told the magistrate that she was collecting swill for pigs.

My favourite headline came during the 1924 election campaign, when she was working to win Oldham with her husband Duff. It goes "Lady Di's Grief – Little Girl Knocked Down By Her Motor". The grief of the little girl (who broke a leg) was clearly secondary. However, reading the smaller print, Lady Di was apparently nicer than the reporters: she carried the injured child into her home and stayed until the ambulance came.

Artemis Cooper, 33 and recently married, amusedly sees both sides of Lady Diana. She can laugh at the outrageousness of the aristocratic girl who, as she puts it, "went through life like a pantomime pirate", and at the same time gratefully remember the ageing grande dame whose approval she sought throughout her childhood. "The most exciting thing was when Diana once said that if she had her life to do again, she might do the things I was doing."

As a child of her generation, with a leftish social conscience, she remembers with wry affection the arguments she used to have with the old lady about rising unemployment ("Oh, you know – all the business about how you can't get a decent housekeeper . . ."), and about Artemis's insistence on doing her own housework. "She'd say, 'Darling, that's terrible, you mustn't, you're educated'."

Mrs Thatcher was a heroine of Lady Diana's in her last years. "It was partly her looks. Looks went a long way with Diana. She was always telling me to pull my hair back off my face. She thought Mrs Thatcher was absolutely beautiful."

There is a moral as well as an ideological gulf. Duff Cooper and Diana had a marriage which Artemis delicately describes as "Regency rather than Victorian": Wallis Simpson once remarked that the worst thing about having an affair with Duff was having Diana round to comfort one as soon as it was over.

"That generation," says Artemis thoughtfully, "remind me of the Pullman era, which they coincided with. It was the one moment in history when it was possible to travel very fast, yet in utter old-fashioned luxury. Before that travel was slow, and after that it wasn't luxurious. But they had both. The same with marriage: they could be very fast and loose, morally, yet have the utter dignity of an establishment marriage. None of the modern multiple divorces for every affair."

Lady Diana Cooper died in midsummer, in June last year. Artemis's may be detached and amused and adult, but her eyes still soften dangerously when she talks about it. "What still sets me off yearning for her are things like sunlight, yellow roses – bright things. For weeks I couldn't see a yellow rose without crying."

The painters are working in the narrow Fulham hallway as we walk to the door. I cannot help noticing that they are painting it the colour of pale, bright, yellow roses. "Oh, it just goes with the grey carpet," Artemis says dismissively. But her hair is now pulled back, fetchingly from her face, and draws attention to a pair of her big, beautiful eyes. After a day poring over the scrapbook, there is something oddly familiar about them.

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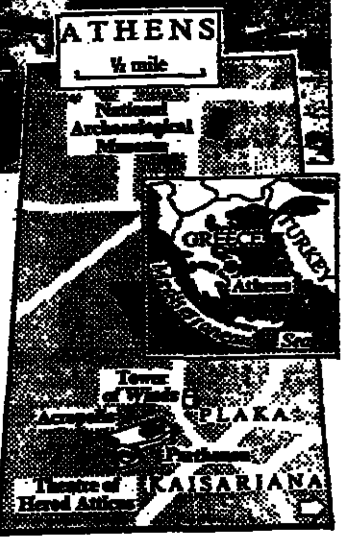
The Greeks would be the first to admit that dirty, sprawling Athens is no longer the cultural centre of the world. But, deep within the smog of the city in which he lives and works, **Mario Modiano** still finds the flickering flame of glories past

Tom Hanley

Pavilion of splendour: but few Athenians visit the Acropolis, and the Parthenon is best seen from a distance



Living in Athens is certainly an intellectual privilege. The city's past is so immutably part of ourselves that the almost sensual proximity of its history and culture becomes singularly exhilarating. However, working or functioning in this cruelly overpopulated metropolis, with its time-consuming preoccupation with trivia, leaves little leisure for the more uplifting pursuits.

So, a selection of what one thinks is the best of Athens is not unlike the proverbial list of books one always hopes to take to a desert island. Take, for instance, the crammed profusion of ancient Greek treasures, so poorly displayed in the National Archaeological Museum of Athens. The collection, without any doubt, is unique. But it gives me cultural indigestion.

If I could spare an hour or so, however, I would gladly revisit the enchanting Thira frescoes retrieved, with infinite care, from houses on that Aegean island, having been buried under a shroud of ash by the volcanic eruption of 1,450 BC.

The exhibit that intrigues me most is a 3,500-year-old wooden bed that, in reality, does not exist. *What is on display* is the five-foot-long mould of the ancient bed, in all its finest detail, that remained after an ingenious archaeologist poured liquid plaster in the gaps left when the wood evaporated under the scalding ash, moments before the ash congealed into pumice and filled the room.

If there is time, I would not miss the chance of feasting my eyes on two other favourites on the ground floor: the graceful duck-shaped vase made of rock crystal found in the second Grave Circle at Mycenae, and dating from 1,600 BC; and the marble statuette of the lyre player in the museum's Cycladic collection, a masterpiece from 2,400 BC.

Few Athenians are inclined to visit the Acropolis. These days, the Parthenon is best seen from a distance, its familiar silhouette concealing the giant crane used for a major conservation project.

However, I made an early-morning (no scorching sun, no noisy tourists) visit to see the restored Erechtheion, free from its scaffolding after 10 years. Restoration has meant the replacement by copies of the Caryatids, gracefully draped maidens of the southern portico. The originals are spectacularly displayed in a glass cage of inert gas in the Acropolis Museum to protect them from further corrosion by the city's foul air.

Pollution, noise and greedy cab-drivers aside, the indestructible charm of Athens is that its cultural riches can be enjoyed, for instance, while sipping thimblefuls of coffee in an outdoor cafe in the Plaka, within touching distance of the Tower of Winds, an octagonal extravaganza of the first century BC that served as a sundial, water-clock and weathervane.

Plaka itself, the old district perched on the northern slope of the Acropolis, has been transformed from tourist trap back to its picturesque authenticity of 100 years ago — or almost. Its buildings, once taken over by noisy discos, are being restored. Its winding, narrow alleys, now lined with quiet tavernas in jasmine-scented courtyards, were banned to traffic — or almost.

Otherwise Athens has grown into a monster of asphalt and cement occupied by a million vehicles and 3.5 million people. Those of us who live in this functional inferno are always on the look out for oases. I found one in Kaisariani, an 11th century monastery of no particular merit at the foot of Mount Hymettus. It has interesting frescoes and is fairly representative of medieval Athens.

Its virtue is that it is set in one of the rare forests spared by summer fires. Climb the footpaths on the hillside behind it and inhale the delicious scents — thyme, mint and lavender — that we always associate with Greek mountains.

Mikis Theodorakis, the Greek composer, once described Athens as a cultural desert. For all the assiduous efforts of Melina Mercouri, the Minister of Culture, to break through the barrier of philistinism with a profusion of festivals, this sensation persists. Attendances are often poor. One European orchestra suffered the ultimate indignity of playing to an empty house.

Things are improving, but slowly. One experience, however, that no foreigner should forgo is to watch ancient Greek drama performed in an ancient theatre, for instance the 1,800-year-old open-air theatre of Herod Atticus, at the foot of the Acropolis. Its rows of marble seats are quite uncomfortable (the ancients reclined on them), so I always try to book early in row 19, the only one with a backrest. Anyone unfamiliar with modern Greek will find that reading an English translation of the play before the performance is quite adequate to ensure its full enjoyment.

Athens is hardly a centre of gastronomy, but an interesting new form of informal eating has developed at *ouzeri*, where a succulent array of titbits called *mezes* can be washed down with wine or ouzo.

My favourite *ouzeri* is To Grafeio (meaning The Office, a convenience for truant husbands who do not lie if they assure their spouses that they are "still at the office"). Its Kurdish refugee cook produces an exotic array of unforgettable dishes, a crushed-wheat-and-parsley salad in particular.

Another gastronomic oasis is Yerofinikas, the restaurant in the centre of town whose food is on display behind glass in the open kitchen where Greek cooks from Turkey preside. A recurring fantasy of mine is an uninhibited visit to Yerofinikas the day after a successful weight-loss diet has ended. I think I would start with Rice Oriental, a cinnamon-flavoured pilaf enriched with chicken liver and pine-nuts.

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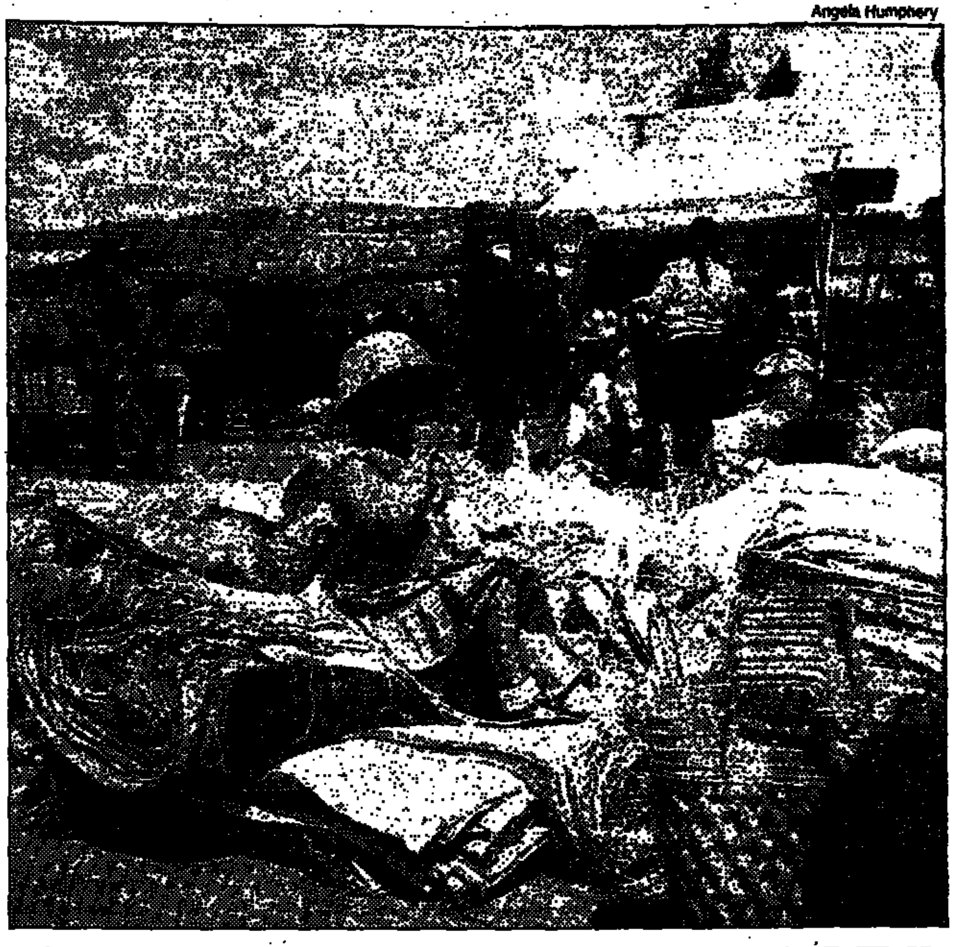
At various points in Ecuador, where highways cross the Equatorial line, you can stand with one foot in the northern hemisphere and one in the southern. It makes an amusing holiday snap — and there won't be other tourists edging into the photograph. Ecuador is one of the least frequented countries in one of the least frequented continents. The few who do visit South America usually head for Brazil and Peru; Ecuador is little, and little known.

Admittedly it is hard to reach: the flight from London to the capital, Quito, via Madrid and Bogota takes 23 hours. The effort, however, I think is well worthwhile. It is a beautiful country — and strangely haunting. Around its central spine of Andean mountains, the highlands resemble Scottish moors, the lower slopes Alpine meadows full of buttercups and cows, while the windbreaks of eucalyptus smack of Australia, from where the trees were imported in 1836.

It is a green and undulating land whose contours sometimes stiffen into a peak — a dramatic snow-capped volcano. Ecuador has more than 30 volcanoes, including the world's highest active one, Cotopaxi, which last erupted in 1942. Since then its 19,612 feet have been fairly quiet and approachable.

Etnotur, the country's chief travel agency, organizes guided hikes with tents and pack-horses up to Cotopaxi. I joined a dozen other ramblers for a five-day trek in the foothills. We walked through the rolling moors and flower-strewn marshes of an area inhabited only by cattle-raising gauchos. In the evening we set up camp by mountain lakes and fished for trout. Wild horses, geese, boar and deer were common sights and, on one occasion, a condor wheeled grandly overhead.

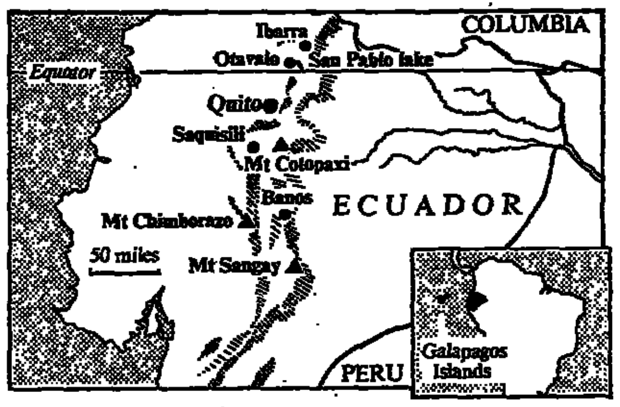


Angela Humphery

Patience: at Saquisili Market, near Quito, a little girl waits for her mother

Other expeditions include cruises around the Galapagos Islands; canoe safaris into the Amazon jungle of eastern Ecuador; and treks for experienced climbers to the snowy summit of Chimborazo or the crater rim of Sangay.

Yet a holiday in Ecuador is not just a walk on the wild side. I spent most of my time in the market towns and in the city of Quito. Its lofty setting — high in the Andes and ringed by hills — reminded me of Innsbruck in Austria.



Quito's architecture, however, is distinctly Spanish — the heritage of three centuries of colonial rule. The balconies of whitewashed houses overlook narrow paved streets that wind up or down into leafy squares — each with its fountain or statue and an adjacent church.

La Compania de Jesu and San Francisco are the most sumptuous of Quito's churches. Both are lavishly decorated in gold that the Spanish conquerors forcibly took from the Incas, who worshipped the metal as the tears of the sun.

Sightseeing in Quito is easy since taxis, like everything else, are cheap. But it is possible to walk between the prime spots, which are concentrated in the old quarter around Independence Square. The square commemorates Ecuador's liberation from Spain in 1822, but Spanish remains the national language for Ecuador's seven million people.

Unlike São Paulo and other South American cities, Quito is also quite safe. I had no qualms about strolling to restaurants at night. The city has its flaws — graffiti, traffic fumes, crumbling stonework — but no muggers. The low crime rate can be attributed to the country's sound democratic government and comparative prosperity. There is, for instance, no shortage of food. Crops grow all year round, and Ecuador is the world's biggest exporter of bananas and a major source of chocolate, coffee, shrimps and sugar.

Its lack of industry, however, holds it back, so that even the capital looks behind the times with its hat shops, cobblers and backyards festooned with washing. Jukeboxes wheeze from smoky cafés. In the main squares shoeshine boys ply their trade and country cousins in their Sunday best smile for the hooded cameras of baggy-suited photographers.

I went on a two-day coach trip south, through the Valley of Volcanoes to the spa town of Banos, the gateway to the jungle. The sub-tropical climate of Banos nurtures poinsettias, orchids, bottle brush and angel trumpet flowers. The air is also warm enough for bathing outdoors in the thermal pools to work up an appetite for a Banos speciality, fresh toffee, and for lunch at La Cienaga on the return journey. This is a graceful hacienda converted into an inn where you can stop for a meal (£3), overnight accommodation (£8), or horseriding (£2 an hour).

La Cienega is close to Saquisili, whose market every Thursday sprawls over five separate squares and is a fine place for visitors to buy rugs, straw baskets and hats. For £3 I acquired a felt trilby — the standard headgear of the Indian traders on top of their thick black plaits.

A second tour from Quito ran 70 miles north, through ravines and mountains, to the town of Otavalo. It, too, has a weekly market patronized by local Indians in their regular native dress: embroidered blouses, ponchos and beads. We also visited a farm in the province and saw the guinea-pig destined for dinner.

Guinea-pigs, the national dish of Ecuador, are surprisingly good — if you can banish all thoughts of pets. If not, there are plenty of other dishes to sample. Sweet corn, avocados, pork and shellfish are the main ingredients and beer is the staple drink.

The restaurants are clean and handsome. My favourite was the Hosteria Chorlavi (another converted hacienda) where you drink aperitifs in a quiet courtyard, have lunch in an antique dining room, then take a siesta in a hammock by a stream in the garden.

For travellers, clothes are a problem. Ecuador's climate is so varied you need the lot: summer gear for the coast, long-sleeved shirts, gumboots, waterproofs (and insect repellent) for the jungle, warm clothes for the highlands, including Quito, plus stout boots for trekking.

TRAVEL NOTES

Exodus Expeditions organizes holidays in Ecuador combining a Galapagos Islands cruise with a mountain trek or an Amazon safari. A 19-day holiday costs £1,690, including all flights. Exodus will also liaise with Etnotur, its travel agents, to make a package to suit your personal requirements. Exodus Expeditions, All Saints Passage, 100 Wandsworth High Street, London SW18 4LE (01-870 0151).

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TRAVEL NEWS

More for less

Apart from a little gallic confusion about the pronunciation of the company name Ibis (the British contingent favouring I as in "eye" opening and the French as in " 'e opened it") the official opening of its new hotel next to London's Euston station went smoothly. Rates set at £45 for a double room, and £40 for single occupancy, inclusive of VAT and service, meet the group's promise to provide all mod cons at budget prices. (A double room at the Holiday Inn at Swiss Cottage costs £103.50.) Ibis, the French owned chain, operates 200 hotels in 11 countries and is expanding fast. It is opening new properties at the rate of one every 10 days. (01-388 7777).

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Eastward Ho

According to Travelmeter — *an extensive new survey designed to reveal who goes where, when and why — the Far East is the dream destination of 44 per cent of air travellers in seven European countries. Of the 210,000 adults surveyed, those earning over £30,000 picked the United States as the country they would most like to visit. South Africa topped the list of countries people would least like to holiday in. The full report is available from Research Services (01-903 1399) at £175 per copy plus VAT.*

● **British Airways is switching its daily Barcelona flights from Gatwick to Heathrow from October 25. It will continue to fly from Gatwick to Barcelona on Monday, Thursday and Sunday. Economy returns from £82. (01-897 4000).**

TRAVEL BOOKS

It took Nick Danzinger 18 months and £1,000 to hitch, walk, and ride from Britain to China, travelling through the ayatollahs' Iran and clandestinely in Afghanistan, where he spent two adventure-filled months with the rebel guerrillas. The cost was only one third of his Winston Churchill travel fellowship to follow the ancient trade routes. In personal terms it was higher. "I have become a stranger to my previous world but at the same time remain an outsider in those countries which I journeyed through," he writes at the end of *Danzinger's Travels Beyond Forbidden Frontiers*, Grafton, £14.95.

Two Constable rock-climbing guides are reissued this month. *Rock Climbing in the Lake District* goes into its third revised edition at £7.95, and the fourth edition of a companion volume on the Peak District costs £8.95.

The World's Best Business Hotels is a chunky new guide to more than 500 hotels from Bloomsbury Publishing (£14.95). If you agree that the Hilton International is Tel Aviv's best business hotel and that Claridge's is "still the most prestigious business address in London", then this is the place to look for advice on where to stay in cities you don't know. It is edited by former *Punch* editor William Davies, which ensures that entries have a readable leavening of frivolity.

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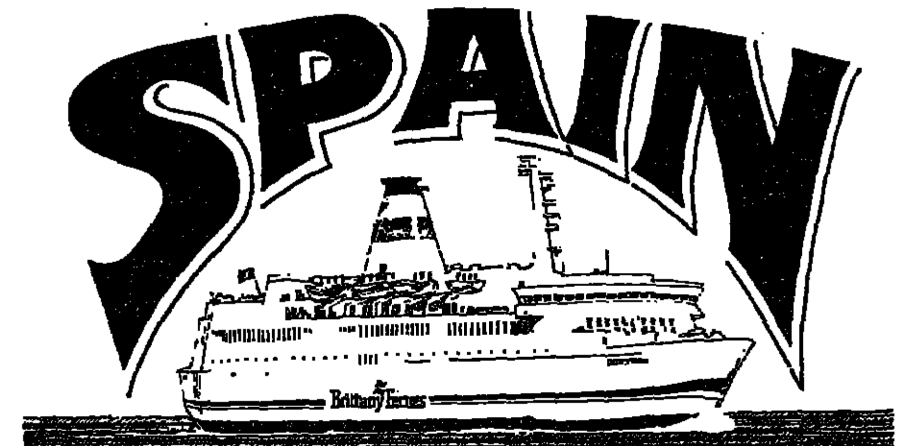

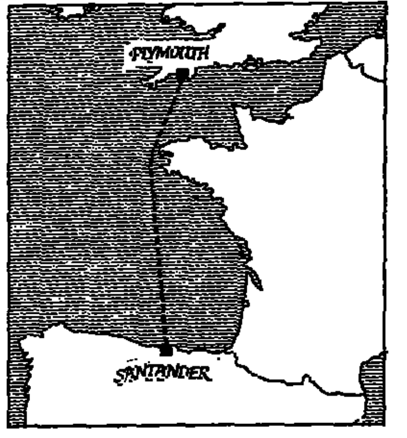

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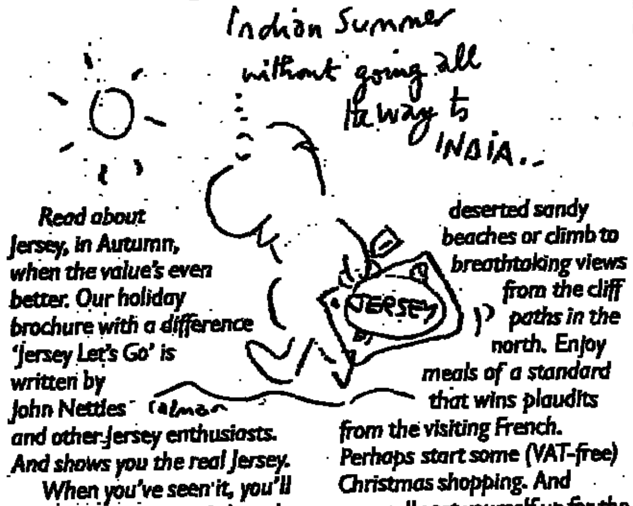
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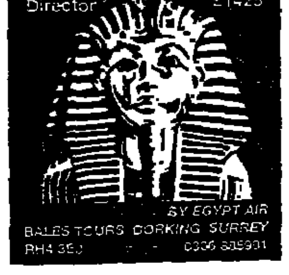

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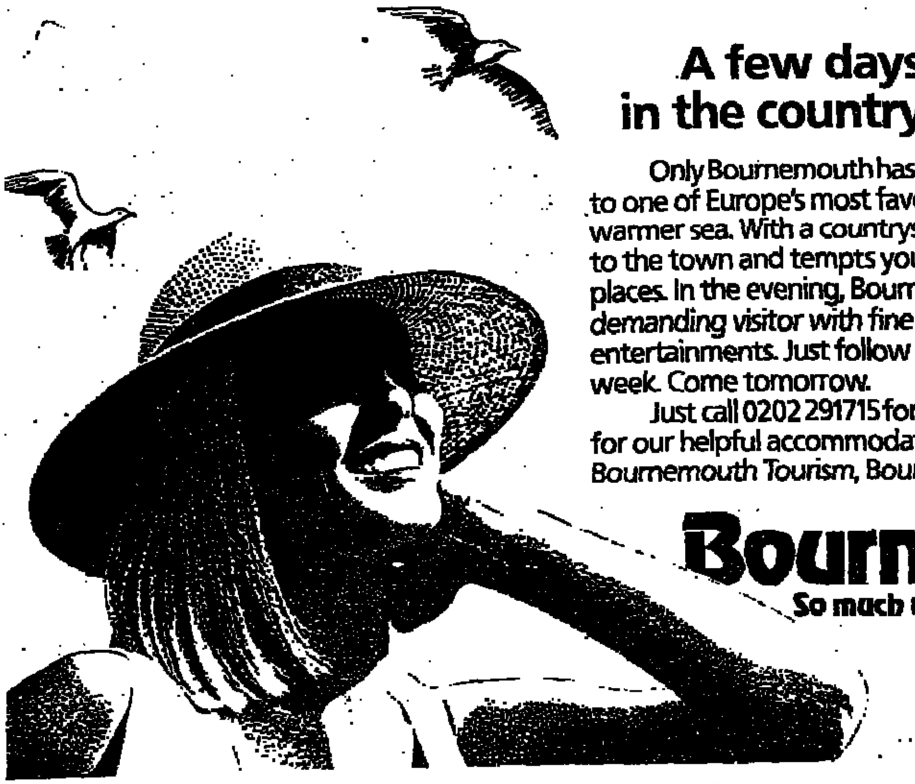

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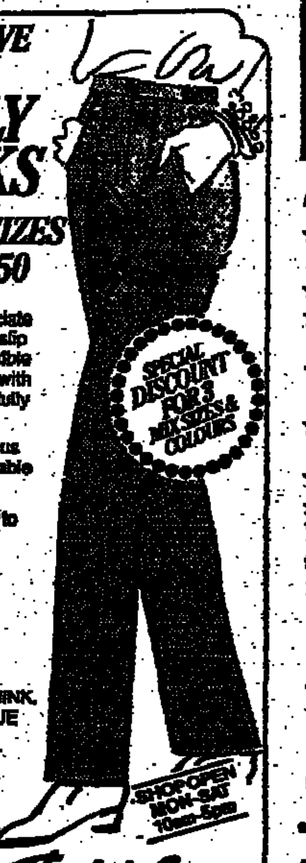
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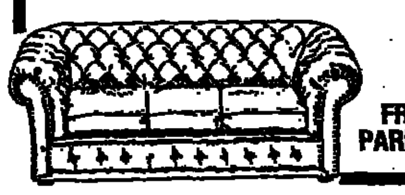

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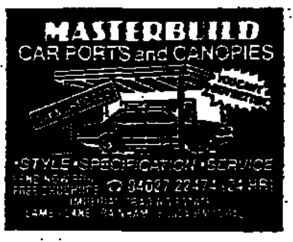

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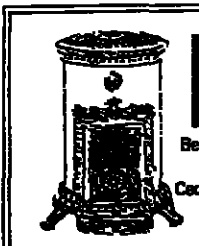
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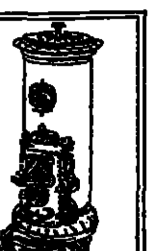
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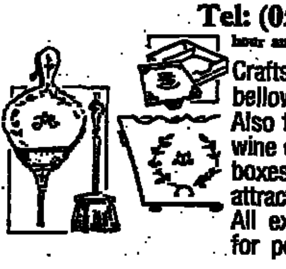

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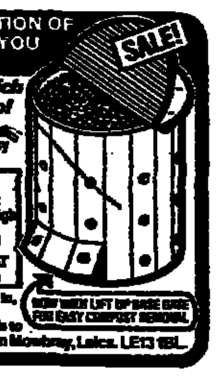

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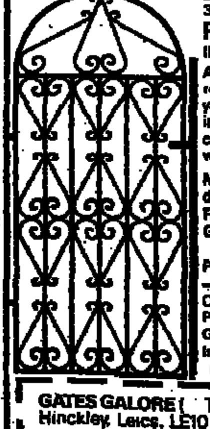

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SHOPPING

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Royal accessories: (from left) the *Lejeune frog mascot (£88); hedgehog (£99); and snail (£77)*

Animal crackers

Pets are this autumn's essential fashion accessory. Not the prowling, purring, pussy-footing variety, however, but creatures quaint and mute, gracing cars, clothes and executive desk-tops.

Following in the tyre-treads of fashion-conscious young Royals, BMWs and Golfs London-wide are sporting chirpy, chrome car mascots by Lejeune, and available from Cord Rail, 79 Buckingham Gate, *London SW1. It may, of* course, be of no particular significance that a snail caps the Duke of York's private car, nor that the Princess of Wales favours a leaping frog in preference to a corgi, since Lejeune's range embraces a variety of creatures, including hippos, hedgehogs and tortoises.

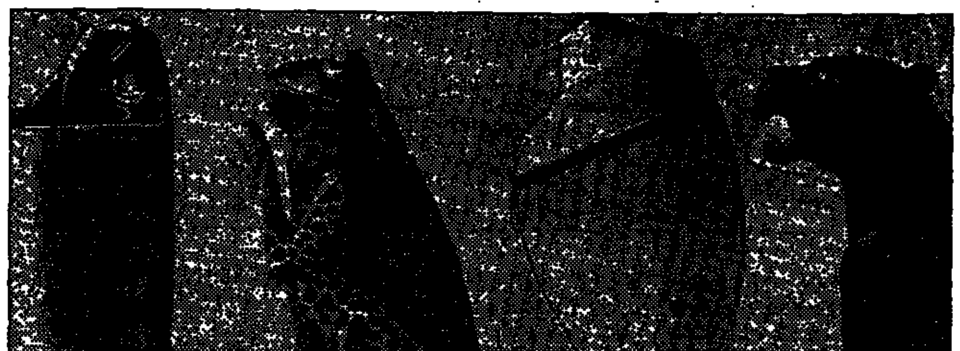
> The Duke of York put a snail on his bonnet — and now everyone wants one

Pink Soda's zoo jewellery has been fashionable for some time but, in the wake of the sale of the Duchess of Windsor's famous collection, fiery-eyed panthers, double-headed snake bracelets, flamingos, leopards and tigers now stalk the lapels of the trendy.

Costing from around £15, a selection of these dazzling paste pieces is stocked at Zone in Harvey Nichols and at Liberty, where more animal jewellery by other designers, such as Wright & Teague, can be tracked down.

Animals have always held a certain allure. But exactly why contemporary fighters should succumb to animal metamorphosis is a puzzle. Disguised as gorillas, horse's heads, penguins, frogs and fish, perhaps these and other personal accessories present the acceptable face of conspicuous consumption *rather better than* the matt black minimalist gadgetry currently flooding London's more style-conscious shops.

Nicole Swengley



Wild fire: (from left) fish lighter (£16); and frog (£23.45), both from F.FWD, 14a Newburgh Street, London W1; penguin (£11.50), *from Oggetti, 100 Jermyn Street, London SW1;* panther (£18.95) from Brats, 281 King's Road, London SW3

OUT AND ABOUT

A £7 million dog kennel

Once the hunting lodge of the Dukes of Hamilton, Chatelherault, near Glasgow, is now a triumph of the restorer's art, writes Anne Campbell Dixon

Next Wednesday, the Duke of Gloucester will have the unusual task of officially opening a Georgian "dogg kennell" called Chat*elherault, at Hamilton* near Glasgow. Used as a hunting lodge, Chatelherault (pronounced "Chatlaro") was desgined for the 5th Duke of Hamilton by the architect, William Adam, in 1732.

The building had a further, purely aesthetic purpose: to act as an eye-catcher at the end of Hamilton Palace's two-mile Grand Avenue; hence the dramatic outline of Chatelherault's four pavilions linked by decorative screens. As befits such a theatrical façade, *it* really *is* a façade, only one room deep, with the actual kennels and gardens hidden behind it.

In 1978, as a result of negotiations which began after the 14th Duke of *Hamilton's death five years earlier,* the derelict Chatelherault and 350 acres of the adjoining Avon Gorge were acquired by the Secretary of State for Scotland in a complicated settlement of death duties. Hamilton District Council agreed to take over the property, once it had been restored.

The initial outlay, by the National Land Fund, was modest enough: £82,549 for the purchase and a further £150,000 for immediate repairs. But *Chatelherault* had been a ruin since fire swept through it more than 40 years ago.

The project grew from a minimal rescue job into a complete reconstruction and development for *leisure,* educational and business use, which, over the past eight years, has totted up a bill of nearly £7 million.

The largest single item was a painstaking restoration of the gutted building by the *Historic Buildings* and Monuments Directorate, at a cost of £2.8 million. Much architectural detective work was needed before the interiors could be reinstated.

Great attention was paid to detail; the disused quarry which supplied the *original* stone for the building was reopened and, on the advice of the National Geological Survey, a local coal tip was combed for fragments of Cambuslang Marble, a fossilized shell material, which was used to patch the chimneypieces.

Outside, the formal gardens are still being restored and the actual dog kennels turned into an "interpretation complex", with audio visual and lecture theatre, plus historical displays. The old game larder has become a nature study classroom for *children.* In addition to its use as a leisure facility for the Glasgow area, it is hoped that Chatelherault will attract business seminars, and plans are in hand for holding operatic performances there.

The Dukedom of Hamilton is Scotland's premier and oldest existing one, dating from 1643. Colourful characters perch on almost every branch of the family tree. The fourth Duke, a gentleman of the Bed Chamber to Charles II, was a dissolute rake who died *in a notorious duel* with Lord Mohun in Hyde Park in 1711.

The 10th Duke, who inherited in 1819, was nicknamed "Il Magnifico". He married the daughter of the millionaire eccentric William Beckford, and devoted his life to the *embellishment of Hamilton Palace,* even installing a throne room. His greatest monument, however, is the family mausoleum, which took 15 years and £30,000 to build. He is buried there, wrapped in tin foil inside an ancient Egyptian sarcophagus.

Tom Kidd

Quiet please: this life-sized wax sculpture of James Hamilton, butler at Hamilton Palace when Chatelherault was built, is one of 13 at the lodge

It was in the 19th century, under the extravagant 12th Duke, that the glories of Hamilton Palace — Scotland's largest private house — began to fade. The palace's treasures were dispersed and coalmining, which had been carried out in the vicinity since 1600, was extended dangerously near the house. By 1880, the basement was below the water table, so that servants pulling plugs out of sinks found that they filled up instead of emptying. During the First World War, *mining* was *further extended* and the house abandoned.

The demolition of the palace in 1920 was "the architectural crime of the century for Scotland", according *to the present Duke, the 15th in the* line, who adds, "Still, I'm jolly glad I didn't have to live there! It would have been impossible, but what a magnificent museum the house would have made".

Chatelherault is 1½ miles south of Hamilton, one mile from the M74 motorway. Admission 50p, open *all* year (10.30am-6pm) except Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Ring 0698 426213 for further details.

OUTINGS

CANTERBURY FESTIVAL: Fourth festival of words, music and entertainment opens today. Festivities begin with a fun run (11am), balloon race and massed fly-in of kites in St George's Field (11am and noon). Festival procession *2pm, cathedral evensong* 3.15pm, firework display and concert at county cricket *ground (8pm). Today-Oct 17.* Canterbury, Kent. Details from Festival box office, 37 Palace Street, Canterbury (0227 455600).

MINIATURA EXHIBITION AND FAIR: For collectors and lovers of dolls houses, more than 100 tables showing and selling miniature craftwork, from hats and houses to pots and pies. The Pavilion Suite, County Cricket Ground, Edgbaston, *Birmingham. Today 10.30am-*5pm. Adult £1.75, child — must be accompanied — 50p.

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BALTIC FOCUS: Sponsored by the Baltic Council, a one-day event in which the Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian communities in Britain present *their cultures to the public.* Traditional folk dancing and *singing, exhibitions, films,* tombola, buffet and bar. Westminster Cathedral *Conference Centre, London* SW1. Today noon-7pm. Adult £1.50, child 50p.

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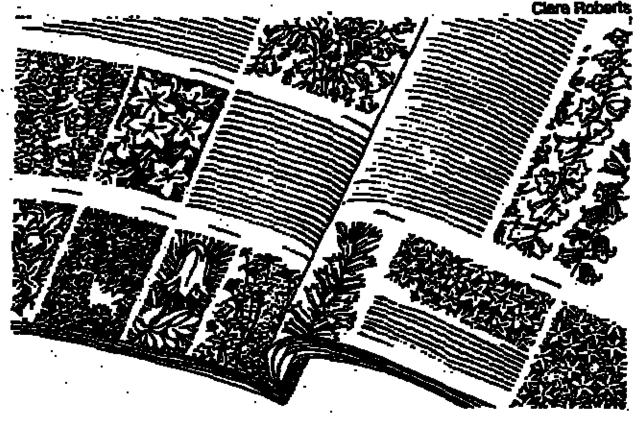
Judy Froshaug

IN THE GARDEN

Top seeds for the first round

Clare Roberts



Not everyone complained about the summer. For gardeners, the cold spring and wet following weeks meant surprisingly bountiful flowers, fruits and foliage. I thought at first that hot-weather plants would suffer terribly, and I was not the only one to fear that nicotianas would be dwarf and non-flowering this year. But we should have had more faith — they were almost as tall as usual and fragrant as ever.

Like the nicotianas, runner beans were slow to get growing but caught up with themselves. I am delighted with Desirée, a variety that has pretty creamy white flowers and long sweet pods. It is available from Marshalls (0945 583407) and the organic firm Atlas Seeds (40 Victoria Street, Braintree, Essex), who will be tempting us this coming year with six kinds of pumpkin. My favourite to date is the green-skinned yellow fleshed Buttercup, but the Japanese variety with pink skin sounds promising.

Already, advance releases from the seed companies are giving us a sense of what lies ahead. I am pleased that, at last, seed firms are starting to realize that many gardeners want to plant choose *their own* colour combinations, rather than ghastly "mixed colour" packs. Suttons (0803 62011), for example, are offering col*umbine, impatiens,* nicotiana and some others in single colour packs. Mr Fothergill's Seeds (Gazeley Road, Kentford, Newmarket, Suffolk) has an ingenious four-section packet for different colours of Petunia Resisto F1, as well as packets of single colours.

This firm is also bringing in, "by popular demand", so they say, Painted Lady — the beautiful *old runner* bean variety — and their new little book, *Growing From Seed* (95p from garden centres), should be available shortly. It *runs* through the ground rules for different methods of seed-raising, a useful guide for beginners and aide-Mémoire for experienced gardeners.

There seems to be a movement away from minimum work gardens towards a more knowledgeable and skilled kind of gardening. In response, seed companies are making more unusual plants more available. Unwins (022023 2270) has produced a special collection "for the adventurous gardener" which includes such items as Tudor Immortelles (*Xeranthemum annum*) — daisy-like everlasting flowers with strawy petals — and purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*), a wild plant decorative enough for any border. These will be in the shops for the 1988 season.

Next year, I shall raise the beautiful blue *Salvia patens* from seed. Despite mulching, I have twice lost this plant during winter, but I shall now grow it as a half-hardy annual, sowing in early spring with a little heat (about 64°F/18°C) potting up and putting strong young plants in the garden when the weather has warmed *up — and being prepared to do* the same the year after.

Francesca Greenoak

WEEKEND TIPS

- Trim overgrown branches on fan, cordon and espalier apple and pear trees; this will both neaten the appearance and *help fruit to ripen.*
- Weed beneath fruit bushes and remove any fallen and rotting fruit.
- Plant bedding wallflowers *and polyanthus now for* flowering next spring.
- Plant anemones, scillas, and grape hyacinths (Muscari) and narcissi.
- Take tip cuttings of penstemons, rhodochiton, eccremocarpus, hebe, hardy fuchsias and other plants which may fall victim to a bad winter.

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TODAY AND OTHER DAYS

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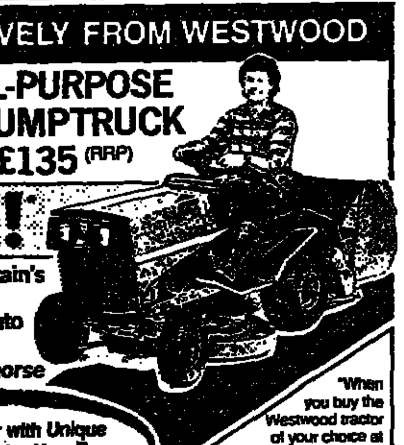

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EATING OUT

Birds of a feather in the bag

No need to hunt, fish, or shoot. **Jonathan Meades** stalks through a choice selection of game restaurants

Frances Moseley

In one of the great cities of eastern France, there is a restaurant called Les Nouveaux Abattoirs. The name, you'll agree, is a programme in itself; the absence of euphemism is heartening; there can be no mistaking the place's intent.

But a name like Lilly's carries a different sack of associations, none of which is that of carnage. It should be called the Bistro Blood: it looks pacific enough, a bit like the unassuming wine bar it formerly was — whitewashed walls, health-food chairs, not notably estimable oil paintings and a wrought-iron garden gate flung on the wall. But its menu, clumsily presented on a moveable blackboard, *is* single-mindedly composed of game. It is a monomaniacal salute to man's power to abate birds.

What people do here is to attack and feed

Woodcock, snipe, pheasant, partridge, mallard, grouse, pigeon — all these were available the *night* I went. Among the 16 or so starters and main dishes were four which did not involve feathered game.

This is a specialist restaurant all right, and one which resounds to the snapping of tiny bones. It is dead serious, a genuine one-off whose obsessiveness is oddly coloured by a morbid asceticism: there is a quasi-fetishistic quality to the place which performs beween tightly self-imposed limits, within a culinary bondage that's wild in a curtailed manner.

I don't reckon it's right to call what people do here *eat*. That participle supposes a gentility, a mollifying gamut of motor gestures — what are called table manners, though manner*isms* would be properer — between source of fuel and body to be fuelled; it supposes a sort of step up from the caves. What people do here is *attack* and *feed*. The knowledge that everyone else is at it — has to be at it because there's no way out, hardly — prompts an orgiastic, elemental eat-in. It is a rare sight anywhere, maybe unique in Britain.

The near ubiquity, near inevitability of game does something that, say, an all-beef or an all-fish menu doesn't. It turns everyone into the Cyclops or Hemingway, both of whom liked, more than anything else, to eat what they had themselves killed. Few of us apart from professional rustlers, abattoir operatives, farmers and meat traders make the connection between kine and steak, sheep and chop. But anyone can kill a bird and pluck it and bang it in a pan.

Sport is ritualized provision, an expensive form of fundamental male assertion. If at Lillie's you get stuck into pigeon breast to begin and partridge to follow, you're liable to find a bow or club haunting your hands. Even if you eat (rather acidic) pickled wild mushrooms, you're going to feel like a hairy number *with a loin cloth* and an affinity for the earth.

If you have game pie you're going to suss the kitchen's affinity with overhung offcuts, with its resourceful use of leftovers: the meat's over-exuberance is not mitigated by the thickish broth. If you have partridge you have to decide whether the stuffing of previously unblanched cabbage *leaf* is a purist ploy or an oversight. Benefit of the doubt tells me that the former's the case; my itch to root out charlatanry and seek out sloppiness points the other way. .

Despite the formless service and the dives into the simplistic rather than the simple this is an oddity to treasure — or at least to bear in mind for when you want to turn from the shabby driver of a merely utile car into the braying owner of an E reg. BMW who can take the head of a hen pheasant when he's three times over the limit. £69 for two.

Between the tables prowls a chunk of micro-chippery

Steph's is an oddity of another sort, a self-conscious one with endless gimmicks to *make up for its cooking. It's all* forest green with a frieze of cochineal flamingoes. These birds are life size and are the sort of flamingo that works for Mr Paul Raymond. They wear no clothes but are fully rigged with jewels, top hats, sophisticated cocktails.

On the tables are Rubik cubes and puzzles that require you to get three ball bearings in the same kennel at the same time. Between the tables prowls a chunk of baby micro-chippery coiffured and whis*kered to look like a cat. Maybe* it's intended for children or, same thing, video directors. It's certainly not intended for anyone green enough to equate restaurants with food.

The food here is an odd admix of Tourist Board English (wretched Yorkshire pudding with a floury, allegedly onion gravy, mashed black pudding with whisky poured on it) and Creole (indifferent gumbo, unpleasantly herbed pork, pleasant enough cheese-cake posturing as key lime pie). *With two beers the bill* was £28 for two.

The Complete Pollock is a topological anomaly as well as being daftly named. It's the sort of name that sounds like a line in a Max Miller gag, and it looks as though it should be in the City — it's a basement with barstools, stained glass, bricks and bobbly plaster, prints and ancient adverts. The service is charming if gauche, the food is piscine and all right and, in the case of the fishcakes, worth coming for. But it is, however, one of the few restaurants in Mayfair that is not greedily priced. £35 for two.

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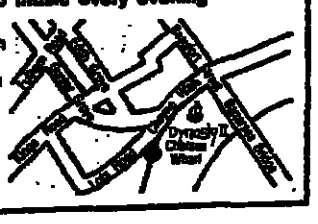

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THE TIMES COOK

Surfeit soups and perfect sauces

With a glut of vegetables in the shops, says **Frances Bissell**, now is the time to tempt even the heartiest carnivore towards a well-made ratatouille, crumble or salad

Diana Leadbetter

This is the perfect time of year to make soups and sauces with the inevitable surfeit of tomatoes, courgettes, peppers and aubergines to be found in shops and gardens alike. I don't suppose this was in the collective mind of the Vegetarian Society and the other animal welfare and vegetarian groups who have joined together in declaring next Friday "Meat Out Day", but it does seem a happy coincidence.

We are not vegetarians, but we do not eat meat every day by any means. I often like to serve, as a main course, a dish containing neither fish nor meat, whether we are entertaining vegetarian friends or not. Cooking for vegetarians is not as daunting as it may seem. Remember of course, not to set a mousse with gelatine or to make a soup with meat stock. Tasty vegetable stock can be made by cooking a pound of vegetables including a handful of chick peas and lentils in a pan of water for two hours.

In fact, vegetarians seem to be much better catered for than ever before. No longer are they restricted to vegetarian restaurants or the inevitable cheese omelette chosen from the "carnivore's menu". A number of restaurants are now offering a full selection of delicious vegetarian dishes alongside their standard menu so that a vegetarian *will* not feel discriminated against when dining with meat-eating friends.

The tomato soup recipe which follows comes from Leith's restaurant in London which, as an *18th birthday present to itself*, has been refurbished and has launched a new vegetarian menu. The night I was there the whole table had the tomato soup, and from carnivores and vegetarians alike, it drew oohs and aahs. Tom Alf, Leith's chef, uses beef *tomatoes*. Use the tastiest you can find.

As an alternative starter for those who like to include some *meat in their meal*, I suggest a light and quickly prepared salad of chicken livers.

Tomato Soup
Serves 4

- 1½lb/675g ripe tomatoes
- 1oz/25g chilled butter, cut into cubes
- 1 tablespoon, or more if you like, finely shredded basil
- salt and pepper

Peel and de-seed the tomatoes in a sieve over a basin to catch the juices. Cut the tomato into very thin short slivers, and place in a heavy saucepan with the sieved juice. Heat gently until the tomatoes begin to "sweat" and give off their liquid. Stir in the cubes of chilled butter, one at a time so that they blend with the tomato. Stir in the basil, *season to taste* and serve immediately. It should still have a very fresh, uncooked flavour. At Leith's, the soup is served with a basil-flavoured cream cheese quenelle. These are quite tricky, and the mixture should be made the day before. If you do not have time, mix some finely chopped basil into seasoned cream cheese, and place a spoonful in each bowl of soup as you serve it.

Cream Cheese Quenelles
Serves 4

- 1oz/25g butter
- 2 egg yolks
- 1½oz/35g soft white breadcrumbs
- 3½oz/90g cream cheese
- 1 tablespoon finely shredded and chopped basil

Beat the butter and the egg yolks until smooth. Add the rest of the ingredients and allow the mixture to rest overnight. Form into small *dumplings or sausages* and *slide* them gently into a large pan of water, held just at the boil. When they float to the surface, they are cooked and should be removed with a slotted spoon and served immediately.

Chicken Liver and Roquefort Salad
Serves 4

- ½lb/225g chicken livers
- ¼lb/100g Roquefort cheese
- oil
- lemon juice
- salt
- pepper
- lettuce, radiochio, endive, watercress, chicory

Clean and trim the livers, carefully removing any greenish parts and the sinews. Soaking them in milk for a few hours in advance *will improve* their colour and flavour. Dry the livers in paper towels, slicing the larger pieces in two. Cut the cheese into cubes.

Toss the salad vegetables in the oil, salt, pepper and lemon and add the chunks of the cheese. Arrange on individual plates. Put a few drops of *oil in the frying pan*, enough to stop the meat from sticking and, when smoking, fry all the liver for two to three minutes, shaking the pan a few times, not stirring as this tends to break them up. When ready – that is, still *slightly pink in the middle* when you stick a knife point in – place the liver pieces on top of the salad, pour on any pan juices and serve while still warm.

The next dish is basically a ratatouille with a crumble topping. By now the courgettes are rather large and past their best so that they are just as well combined with other ingredients: aubergines, tomatoes, peppers.

Autumn Crumble
Serves 4 to 5

- 1lb/450g aubergines
- 1lb/450g courgettes
- 1 large green pepper
- 1 onion
- 1lb/450g tomatoes
- garlic
- seasoning
- olive oil

For the topping

- 6oz/150g plain flour
- 3oz/75g butter or margarine
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh herbs or 1 teaspoon finely ground dried herbs
- 1oz/25g freshly grated Parmesan

Cut the aubergines into chunks. Sprinkle with salt and let them disgorge for an hour to get rid of any bitter taste. I have found with very young *small* aubergines that it is unnecessary. Rinse and dry well. *Meanwhile, slice* the courgettes into ½in/1cm pieces. Slice the green pepper and the onion. Skin, de-seed and roughly chop the tomatoes. Crush the garlic with a little salt.

Heat the olive oil in a casserole, about three tablespoons *to begin* with, though you may need to add more later. Stir in all the vegetables, on a fairly high heat, until well coated with oil. Add the garlic and a pinch of pepper. Remember that the aubergines will have absorbed some salt and that you crushed the garlic with salt, so you should not require any more.

Cook gently in their own juices, either in the oven or on top of the stove, until *all* the vegetables are tender, but not breaking up into a *purée*. Transfer the ratatouille to an ovenproof dish.

To make the crumble, rub the fat into the flour with the tips of the fingers until it resembles breadcrumbs or, even better, make it in the food processor. Mix in the fresh herbs. Spoon the crumble over the ratatouille and press down lightly. Sprinkle the Parmesan over the top and bake for about 15 minutes at gas mark 6, 200°C/400°F.

Pears are particularly good at this time of year. If you have had a surfeit of luscious ripe pears served simply with cheese, here is another way of serving them, and a good one for slightly under-ripe pears.

Caramel Pears
Serves 4

- 4 even-shaped pears
- *3oz/75g castor sugar*
- 3oz/75g butter
- ¼pt/150ml double cream

Peel the pears, keeping the stalks on. In a heavy pan allow the sugar to melt over a very low heat. Add the butter, then the pears. Cook slowly until the pears are *soft but not breaking up. During* the cooking, the pears will have given off some of their juice, and you will have a good buttery syrup. Remove the pears with a slotted spoon. Reduce the syrup a little and add the cream. Bring to *the boil, and cook for three or four* minutes, and it will turn a rich, warm, caramel colour. Remove from the heat. Pour over the pears, and serve warm or cold.

DRINK

Ripe fruit from kiwi country

After a long, painstaking search, John Buck has found an echo of Bordeaux in New Zealand

New Zealand wineman John Buck and his wife Wendy live, surrounded by almost five acres of vines, in one of the wackiest and most whimsical houses I have ever seen. Skinny, snow-white chimneys erupt from its sprawling structure *like elongated* lighthouses. But Coleraine House's elevated position over New Zealand's finest red wine vineyard gives Buck an eagle's eye view of his grapes. "I can lie in bed," he says, "and if there's a *bird* out there, I can *whip* out and blast him with my shotgun."

There is nothing the least bit fanciful about the blonde, clear-eyed and direct John Buck. I first met him at vintage time, three years ago. I had been curtly promised 20 minutes for an interview but, three hours of tasting and fascinating wine conversation later, I was convinced *that* Te Mata, situated at Hawkes Bay on the east coast of the north island, was one of New Zealand's most *promising* wine properties.

THE A-NZ OF WINE GROWING
Eric Beaumont

Today that promise has been fulfilled. Buck does not put this down to any special viniculturai skills on his or his winemaker's part: "You've only got to read Peynaud's books from cover to cover and you've got the recipe. Winemaking is disciplined, boring and easy. The answers *must* lie in the grape varieties, site *selection and soil*".

To that end, Buck and *Michael Morris, his partner*, spent eight years searching for *the right location*. Armed with three years of European wine expertise gained working for Stowells of Chelsea in London, and inspired by Tom McDonald's 1965 McWilliams' Cabernet made from *Hawkes Bay fruit*, Buck had a very clear idea of what he wanted.

Te Mata – bought in 1978, and situated *in* an area with a climate not dissimilar to that of Bordeaux – boasts one of the very few European-style hillside vineyards in New Zealand. This European influence also manifests itself in the mix of *Te Mata's most famous* wine, Coleraine Cabernet, with its Bordeaux-style blend of predominantly Cabernet Sauvignon grapes, topped up with Merlot and a *little* Cabernet Franc. It may not be the *first* New Zealand "Bordeaux blend", but it is certainly the most imitated: there are now more than 20 Coleraine style competitors now available, including the much-vaunted The Antipodean.

What separates the thousand cases of Coleraine Cabernet/Merlot every year from the Antipodean and the rest is its intensely ripe exuberant *fruit flavour*, a characteristic not yet found in *the other* mostly leaner and less luscious New Zealand Cabernets. "Flavour," Buck points out, "is everything", and he attributes Coleraine's to its hillside situation, *micro*-climate, reasonably low yields and long *growing* season.

The same selected site *philosophy* extends to the other 2,000 acres of Te Mata vines, owned by four other couples who live on the properties but leave all the vineyard and winemaking work to the Te Mata team. Together *with the Bucks' Coleraine* vineyard, these estates produce some 20,000 cases annually and a new winery extension to the original late 19th century cellars is being built to accommodate them all.

Te Mata wines are now on sale here for the first time. A good *introduction* is the '86 Castle Hill Sauvignon Blanc with its fresh, leafy bouquet and attractive soft, ripe, gooseberry-like taste. It is an easy to *drink* non-aggressive Sauvignon that would make a good *partner* with a rich fish dish such as Sole Véronique. (The Curzon Wine Company, 11 Curzon Street, London W1, *£6.96, D Byrne &* Co, 12 King Street, Clitheroe, Lancashire £6.29.)

Finer still is the '86 Elston Chardonnay whose shy, fresh pineapple-like scent leads to a smashing *big*, rich, pineapply palate with a gentle kiss of spicy oak on the finish. (D Byrne £9.15, Ostiers, 63A Clerkenwell Road, *London EC1, £9.99.)*

The jewel in Te Mata's crown however, and a wine comparable to a good claret is the splendid '85 Coleraine Cabernet Merlot, whose bright purple colour and delicious, intensely rich, complex cassis palate has an intriguing touch of mint (or is it eucalyptus?) about it. (*La Vigneronne, 105 Old* Brompton Road, London SW7, £10.85, D Byrne £11.45.)

Despite these impressive wines, Buck remains refreshingly down-to-earth about his achievements. "If you love wine and cricket, you end up in New Zealand or Australia," he says. "I actually *enjoy* drinking the stuff . . . the moment you get pompous and ponderous *about it, you're* finished." Quite.

Jane MacQuitty

Toast of the boulevards

Why was a young English woman chosen to run a wine shop for one of Paris's top restaurants?

Fiona Beeston: "In France men enjoy women's company and are amused and delighted when a woman asks to taste their wines"

On the morning of her first day at work for the Parisian wine merchant Lucien Legrand, Fiona Beeston found herself sitting round the kitchen table in his upstairs *flat with a seven-course meal* laid out on the plastic tablecloth and empty glass mustard pots laid out as wine glasses. She was horrified when Legrand casually asked her to taste a wine out of the mustard pot.

"As he started to pour the wine the cook took the lid off the enormous cooking pot full of tripe and the smell filled the kitchen. I mumbled that I could not possibly taste wine *under these conditions*."

Legrand, she says, banged his fist on the table. "Oh you English and your habits – at eight thirty in the morning, wine is for drinking, not for spitting out." Happily, Fiona, aged 31, *survived the experi*ence, and next month she springs her own surprise on Paris when she takes over a wine shop with a difference.

The Taillevent restaurant is, by informed consent, the best *of France's traditional three*-star restaurants. Jean-Claude Vrinat took it over from his father 25 years ago and he has run it with the dedication and passion of a person whose whole life is food and the wine that goes with it. When he decided to extend that passion to the opening of a wine shop just round the corner from the restaurant in Rue Faubourg Saint-Honoré, it was to Fiona, then running Legrand's wine *shop in the Galerie Vivienne*, that he turned.

Eyebrows were raised. She was not only young but unmistakably English. But, standing in the cellars of the new shop while workmen frantically try to complete the get it ready for the opening at the end of October, Vrinat says simply: "The British *know more about wines than* the French – and they have a greater sense of humour. We share the same taste and approach. The idea is not just to sell bottles of wine, but to create a place where people who may or may not know a lot about wine can come to exchange ideas."

He was first attracted by Fiona's wine column "Les Carnets de Fiona" in the magazine *Revue du Vin de France*. Being passionate about wine herself, she has no *intention of relinquishing her* column now; indeed, her career shows how determinedly she has set about absorbing every nuance of the trade. She grew up between Beirut, London, Kenya and Washington, but was always educated in French. She decided to enter "the wine lark" when as a fairly difficult 16-year-old, she says, she became enchanted by a French diplomat's conversation on wine at a dinner party.

'Wine is such a macho business in England'

She *started* in London, where she took a job as a wine importer's secretary. "I learnt all about his divorce but nothing about wine. Wine is such a macho business in England. In France men enjoy women's company – which they don't in England – *therefore they are amused* and delighted when a woman turns *up on their doorstep* asking to taste their wines."

She thought of going to California, but decided it must be Paris because the wine-growing areas were so near at hand. She wrote to wine *producers asking to clean out* their vats. It was the only way she knew to be there while the wine was fermenting. "I had to see the grapes being crushed, smell the fermentation." Although it was considered *men's work, she* pestered one château so much that she was accepted, and progressed from cleaning the vats to making wine.

Fiona says now that she buys wine only from people she knows. "You can only understand a wine if you know the face of the man who makes it. If he treats his wife badly the brutality will come through in the flavour." There followed two years in London, *tasting and writing* on wines, but in her words she "was wilting from not being near the vines" and returned to Paris to work for Lucien Legrand.

Most weekends Fiona sets off by bike to visit producers in the Loire. There is a new *generation there now* who have gone back to tradition, she says and British buyers have been ahead of the French in noticing them. "I don't often go to wine tastings, but the other day I went to a special tasting of champagnes made in 1914. It was an *emotional moment*. The champagne was made by the women who had harvested the grapes while the men were fighting. Guns were going off around them and I had goose-pimples as I tasted the champagne – you could almost taste the gunpowder."

Susan MacDonald

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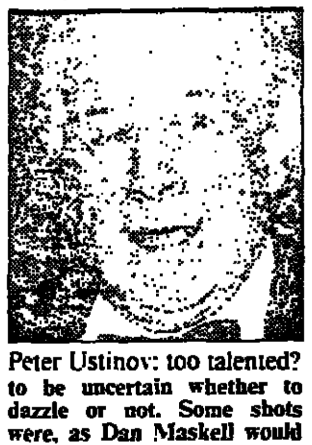
Strange history

"A sense of humour is essential for my job," said Catherine the Great to Peter Ustinov during the second part of *Peter Ustinov's Russia* (BBC2). The problem for Ustinov in this series is deciding how essential is humour for his job as a television historian.

It is a nice point where history ceases to amuse and sobers with its horrors; and with the troubled history of Russia the comparative misery of different eras is an important issue of contention. Ustinov has the added difficulty of having the talent to be the funniest of men and yet having *a serious purpose in making* the programme to debunk the simplicities which writes off Russia as an evil empire – before or after the *Revolution*.

TELEVISION

Like an over-talented tennis player spoiled for choice of shots, he seemed occasionally to be uncertain whether to dazzle or not. Some shots were, as Dan Maskell would say, neither one thing or another. But when he did content himself with straight, if effective, *returns*, there was *the* inevitable disappointment of a great entertainer playing safe.


Peter Ustinov: too talented?

No doubt to find more room for his comic talents, he "interviewed" Russian historical figures – Ivan the Terrible, Peter the Great and Catherine so far. But he allowed them, or rather the expressive actors who played them, to command *the stage in Russian while he* toyed with more passive ironies in English (both Peter and Catherine made him the butt of sexual innuendo).

He dealt with Catherine best. Before meeting her, he told the story with an appropriate expression of horror and amusement of how she had the tongue of a servant lover cut out so that he would not reveal the secret of her bedchamber; and in their badinage he asked some awkward *questions about her attitude to* serfs.

Ustinov tempers his brilliance with a humanity which is benignly civilizing. When he faces more recent figures in Russian history, though, he might need more than a doubting chuckle and a polite begging to differ to counter certain evils too near to us to *be easily laughed away.*

Andrew Hislop

Chris Peachment tracked down the Fifties star Anita Ekberg in Rome

Dolce vita goes on

They used to call her "The Iceberg". Quite aside from having the stink of ad-man's sweat about it, the title was a monstrous misnomer. Because at least four fifths of Miss Ekberg was visible, and all of it above the plimsoll line. There were three things *that the tabloids* always got right about her, however, and they were 39½-23-37. And all of them are on display, encased in that famous strapless black evening gown, in a sumptuous new print of Federico Fellini's *La dolce vita*, which the British Film Institute has struck and which can be seen, for the first time in 15 years, tomorrow at 4pm at the Barbican and later for a season at the Everyman Hampstead, from October 2.

That gown does sterling service for the lady, in the role of a visiting star who tantalizes the jaded newspaperman *Marcello* Mastroianni to *distraction* for an evening. When she raises a white kitten high above her head, a miracle of *haute couture* engineering comes into play. It even survives a dunking in the Trevi fountain without letting the side down.

She sent men of all races into a lather of contradictory *impulses. The Vatican tried* to have the film banned: women spat in Fellini's face at the premiere; it was 20 years before the film was released in Spain. Yet it was hailed as a great satire on the new permissiveness of the European *beau monde*; it turned Fellini into a star attraction; and it gave us the term *paparazzi*, from the character of the intrusive journalist Paparazzo who travels around with Marcello Mastroianni.

These days Miss Ekberg's Edwardian curves have tended to blend together. If there was one characteristic to be recognized from the 25 or so of her appearances in the Fifties and Sixties, it was *appetite*. And *she* still seems to have that at 56, whether it be for the staggeringly strong vodka cocktails she serves up, or for relating outrageous anecdotes from her two marriages.

She lives in the countryside some 20 miles outside Rome, in a hillside villa overlooking the coast down towards Anzio. She complains that no one pays her any repeat fees for her movies any more, but the villa has big, voice-activated double gates and a Mercedes in the drive, so someone must have invested wisely from those early films.

Her most recent surprise came from Fellini and Mastroianni, neither of whom she had seen for many years. Fellini was making his latest film, *L'Intervista* (The Interview), which is his usual marginal doodling about being a film director, but involved Mastroianni dressing up as Man*drake the Magician and travel*ling around doing magic. They turned up at the gates unannounced, dragging a crew of *60 behind them, and invaded* her villa for some days, to film the re-union. But "the surprise at seeing them was wonderful", and Fellini has reported that more than a few tears were shed when an old copy of *La dolce vita* was projected on a sheet pinned to the wall.

"And Marcello, he is such a sweet man. So quiet and well mannered. He used my bedroom as a dressing room."

It was King Vidor's *War and Peace* (1956) that first took her from Hollywood to Italy, and she "fell in love with this place, badly so". But it was not until 1959, making another long-forgotten movie at Cinecittà, that Fellini first bumped into her, and asked her studio to release her for his picture. "I asked to see a script. He said: 'There isn't one. You can write it.' I said: 'I can't even write letters. I am too lazy.' So he said: 'Never mind, we make it up as we go along.' My agent said I was crazy, but I kind of liked Fellini."

Given that she spoke no Italian, and Mastroianni spoke no English, the results are surprisingly coherent, even establishing a strange *understanding* between them.

The talk turns to pornography, of which you can see a large amount on Italian television, thanks to the recent deregulation. It is not much to her taste, "all that strip-tease, all that bad language, all those men and women, women with women, men with men . . ." She asks whether England is similarly afflicted; I reply that it is not. "Ah, well," she says, looking maliciously wistful, "I think perhaps the English could do with a little instruction in that line."

She was married for a few years in the Fifties to the British actor Anthony Steel, star of *West of Zanzibar*. "He would go out, saying he was going for a newspaper, and be gone for three days. I was always surprised he managed to find his way back.

"I remember one bitterly cold Christmas, we had rented an attic flat in Rome, with large glass double doors onto a small balcony. He came home one night with three or four drinking friends, and went *crashing through the glass* and on to the balcony. Not a scratch on him. God protects, children and drinkers. By the way, is he still alive?"

Memories of her marriage lead to more reminiscences of her leading men. Trevor Howard: "Such a *gentleman. He could be lying* there sleeping off his lunch, and they would shout 'Action!' and he would leap to his feet, say his lines word perfect, act beautifully, then fall over in a heap again." Victor Mature: "The only time he was on set was for his close-ups. All the medium or long shots were done by his stand-in, because he was in his caravan with the girls." Bob Hope, Frank Sinatra . . . the list goes on.

"Globe-trotting can be tiresome. I used to live in hotels. It was no kind of life. Now I have this house. And I can see the sea." *It's* a long way from Malmo, Sweden, where she was born, it's a long way from Hollywood where she made a *splash, it's even further from La dolce vita* where she came of age; but there are goats and geese among the olive trees, and the sea air is warm. *It's* the best place of all of them to end up.

Piero Guerrino

Anita Ekberg now and, inset, in *La dolce vita* : "I used to live in hotels. It was no kind of life"

Aida in the ultimate setting

Richard Morrison reports from Cairo on a production of *Aida* among the pyramids

OPERA

Those in search of grand opera *at its grandest should have* been sitting in the desert seven miles outside Cairo at about 11pm earlier this week. Through dozens of loudspeakers a famous trumpet-call sounded. Floodlights silhouetted a great procession of men and horses winding slowly over a high ridge. Some 100 spear-bearers converged from two tunnels. A phalanx of around 100 archers appeared to be on collision course with groups of reclining *handmaidens and assorted* virgins, but a swerve to the inside lane averted disaster.

Dancers in glittering bodices kicked up the dust round Ethiopian captives. And, on the western horizon, lone camels could be spotted following their own strange choreography. But the crowning glory was the entry of a *triumphal chariot*, 20 feet high and almost as wide, bearing Radames. There was a 200-strong chorus who sang, immobile, to one side, and a reinforced orchestra. So at this point 600 performers, spread *over an area a mile wide*, were in action.

To stage-right lay Menkure, smallest of Giza's Pyramids. Chephren stood straight ahead, a gaunt triangle with nothing but the Sahara behind. To stage-left lay the Great Pyramid of Cheops, all three million stone blocks of it: quite an opera chorus in *itself. And right in the middle* of the stage stood the massive, inscrutable face of the Sphinx – a useful little prop for any *Aida* production (except, perhaps, Scottish Opera's).

Aida has been staged *al fresco* in Egypt already this year: at the Temple of Luxor. As the *Egyptian Gazette* discreetly noted, those performances had "a *minor defect*". The audiences could not hear them. This time the amplification was far more sophisticated: they even added artificial reverberation.

This time they got it almost right. Mauro Bolognini's production, based largely on the chorus and orchestra of the ambitious Teatro Petruzzelli (from Bari, Italy) was a highly professional operation. With a £2.5 million budget, it should have been. Fireworks, torchlit processions and epic lighting effects on the pyramids' surfaces were controlled *with rigorous discipline.*

In prestige terms, the first night certainly paid off. A site which, by day, is a notoriously tacky scene of touting and begging, was transformed into a playground for the ostentatiously wealthy. The show had undeniably dazzling moments. Where it faltered, predictably enough, was in conveying any sense of intimate tragedy. And with so many massive slabs lying around, it seemed odd that the *final entombing scene should* have been staged with Aida and Radames simply standing at one side of the stage and Amneris at the other.

The musical effort was more intense. Carlo Franci maintained excellent ensemble, and whipped up some fiery playing from an orchestra which sounded rough *only in the final stratospheric* passage. During the week-long run, alternate casts were employed: I heard Grace Bumbry in formidably histrionic form as Amneris, firm in voice and fulsome in gesture. Giuseppe Giacomini was an unsubtle Radames, but the rugged-warrior approach suited these gargantuan proceedings. Ghena Dimitrova's matronly Aida also had the requisite sturdinesss, if little tonal beauty.

What next for the Egyptians? Well, Philip Glass's *Akhnaten* would fit the venue nicely. That should test the durability of their newfound opera mania.

Raised brows at Leeds finalists

Piano Competition
Town Hall, Leeds

***The finalists of the 1987 Leeds* International Pianoforte Competition have been announced. Marcantonio Barone, Boris Berezovsky, Ian Munro, Noriko Ogawa, Vladimir Ovchinnikov, and Hugh Tinney wereplaying their concertos for the jury last night and continue tonight.**

Already at this stage, there *has been the inevitable* surprise tinged with dismay. Why, some ask, was the workmanlike Munro from Australia preferred to the brilliantly imaginative and energetic Frenchman, Jean-Efflam Bavouzet? And, others demand, why did the diligent Eckart Heiligers, who was enterprising enough to include three post-serialist pieces by Heinz Holliger in his semi-finals programme, fall by the wayside when the laid-back *Marcantonio Barone from the* United States made it into the top six?

Both achievement and potential, risk-taking, and tiptoeing, pragmatism, and imagination are represented in the jury's choice. But it is the finals performances of Ovchinnikov and Tinney which I most eagerly await.

***The diminutive Russian* has a way of slinking round the corridors of power as if he were the office boy – and then playing *like a lion*. The keyboard itself seems to gain colour and depth of resonance in his hands.**

The semi-finals wisely require soloists to be tested as accompanists too. Poor Erich Gruenberg, as the house violinist, found himself landed with four performances of the Brahms Sonata No 1 between lunch and supper.

Tinney, from Eire, has grown immensely in stature since I heard him last in London. His Debussy *Images*, meticulously prepared, seemed bright with colours still wet on the canvas, and his Liszt *Dante Sonata* was a heady encounter of the responses of one young man to those of another many years ago.

Hilary Finch

● The American team of Venturi, Rauch and Scott Brown, selected last year to design the National Gallery extension, have been commissioned as architects of the new concert hall for the Philadelphia Orchestra.

● Last year's National Theatre children's show, *The Pied Piper*, returns on November 4 (with previews from October 29), playing in the Olivier and, from time to time, the Lyttelton. *As* in 1986 Sylvester McCoy takes the title-role, and the production draws upon more than 500 children from London primary schools to play the rats and the children of Hamelin (on a rota basis).

Filling the gap

CONCERTS

LPO/Groves
Royal Festival Hall

Sir Charles Groves is one of those gentlemanly conductors ever willing to step into the breach at short notice and give a reliably decent performance.

The trouble is that seldom in such circumstances are his performances anything more than decent, and last night's *concert with* the London Philharmonic Orchestra, in which he replaced the indisposed Klaus Tennstedt, was no exception.

Reliability, however, is a highly desirable characteristic when it comes to accompanying concertos, and the pianist, Maurizio Pollini, had cause to be grateful for it in Beethoven's *Fourth* Piano Concerto. He gave it a strangely aggressive reading, full of bright sounds; the *overall effect was to keep the* music somehow at a distance, even in the lovely ruminations of the slow movement.

It was as if he were observing from the outside rather than interpreting from the heart. For all that, one was still able to revel in his superlative *technical control* over a wide spectrum of dynamics and tone colours.

Surrounding the concerto were two late romantic works, Brahms's First Symphony and Webern's *Passacaglia*, Opus 1.

The Webern, which occupied the position of overture, uncovered orchestral playing whose passion was not to be rivalled for the rest of the evening, in spite of one or two minute problems of co-ordination near its beginning. Sir Charles made the most of its ripe expressionism and its shapeliness of form.

The Brahms, on the other hand, was depressingly routine. Some of its great moments, its famous solo passages, and the last movement's chorale, for instance, invariably move the spirit, and did so here.

But Sir Charles's performance lacked a will to mould those individual features into something organic and powerful, and it did not help that he chose to destabilize the first movement by *ignoring* its exposition repeat.

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The sounds of sorrow

THEATRE

Medea
Olivier

"Sorrow is the real cause of deaths and disasters and fam*ilies destroyed. If music could* cure sorrow it would be precious." That line from the nurse in *Medea* could be the epigraph to Yukio Ninagawa's production which arrives at the National Theatre in triumphant succession to his company's *Macbeth*.

In both productions grief vastly outweighs sorrow, and the use of music is integral to that purpose. The sound score of *Medea* again supplies a thrilling convergence of east and west, with baroque dance blending in with plucked pentatonics, and wood block atmospherics with distant flute melodies.

But its principal function emerges in the opening moments when the masked nurse *(Hatsuo Yamaya) performs an* unspoken ritual of lamentation to the accompaniment of a modern guitar ballad that *could equally have come from* Tokyo or San Francisco.

An all-male production, this is not a *Medea* for feminists but a wonderfully choreographed treatment of the events articulating primary human passions to the limits of expression.

The chorus are characterized as ideal spectators who respond to pity and terror better than we can ourselves; reflecting Medea's private moods and public subterfuge, and finally resulting in panic to their own instruments to drown the screams of her *slaughtered children.*

The whole event is built around two simple actions in which Medea first signals her resolve by driving a sword into the forestage and then withdraws it to perform the deed.

Donald Cooper

Tokusaburo Arashi as Medea: an openly distraught figure

Between these two moments there is a gathering of forces which follows a recur*ring rhythm* of preparatory lamentation succeeded by action. Sometimes this process is dictated by plot: as where choric outbursts are abruptly cut short by the arrival of Creon and Jason.

Sometimes it pursues its own emotional curve, as where Medea and the chorus engage in a frenzied balletic *forecast of the bloodshed to* come, red streamers pouring from their open mouths; and then fall still at the implacable opening chords of a Handel saraband which is Medea's cue to drive in the sword.

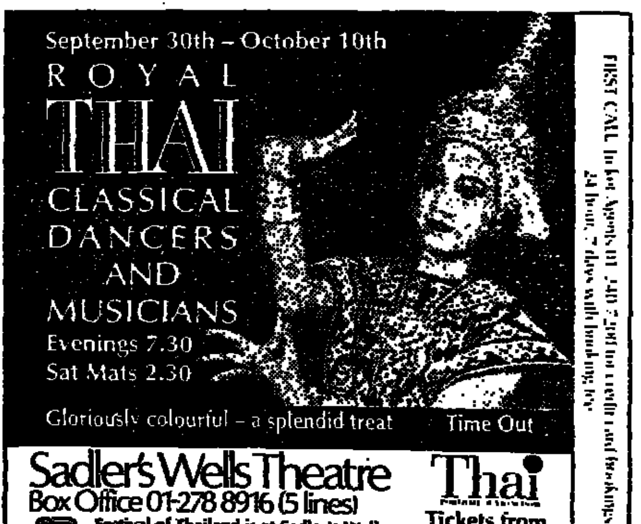
Power is intensified by the fact that it is at such moments of climax that the most Japanese and most Western conventions coincide.

As Medea, Tokusaburo Arashi differs strikingly from Mikijiro Hira, who came to Edinburgh with the production last year. In place of Hira's majestically androgy*nous heroine, Arashi presents* an openly distraught figure who, from the voice, is clearly a man.

Unlike Hira, he also forces the pace in the early scenes; but once stripped down to a *red shroud his playing* acquires a nightmare ectasy that takes absolute control of the stage.

Chilling in masquerade, as where he plays a repentant geisha to the gullible Jason, he reaches full tragic magnitude in his farewell to the children, rolling, laughing with them over the floor, before following them through the central doorway, the sword glittering over his head, as the Chorus fly after *him* like a flock of terrified birds.

Irving Wardle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BRIDGE

Testing time

"How is it that you, of all people, have adopted one of these new-fangled Strong Pass systems?" As my friendly inquisitor had caught me between sessions at Brighton, there was no time to explain. But the tale is not without interest, and some amusement.

Having examined the instances where Strong Pass systems were used at international level, I became convinced that in a field of mixed quality, the unfamiliarity of the methods undoubtedly conveyed an advantage.

In order to put my theory into practice in the European Championships, I faced three tasks. First, I had to devise a system that would not require a complete overhaul of our constructive bidding. Then I had to persuade my partner, Robert Sheehan, to play it. Finally, I had to overcome the predictable objections of the British Bridge League.

The system, which is called the Boomerang Club, is based on a five card major structure with a weak No Trump. The novelty comes from reversing the roles of one club and pass. That is to say, on hands which traditional players would pass, we open one club. On hands that would normally be opened with one club, we pass. It sounds simple and purposeless. It is neither.

Sheehan would normally be reluctant to embrace such notions, but I persuaded him with the gentle diplomacy of a Mafia Godfather.

The BBL was more difficult. We both received a regular stream of admonitory letters, expressing concern about the wisdom of the experiment and questioning our possible lack of industry. Only the loyalty of our captain, Tony Priday, I suspect, prevented us from receiving our marching orders.

Did the system work? Yes, even if the strong types, on which we had laboured so hard, appeared with depressing infrequency. But amazingly the apparent hazard of opening the bidding with one club on a Yarborough, Vulnerable against Not, did not concede one single penalty of note.

This hand from our match against Austria, the holders of the championship, shows the dangers of attacking a bluebottle without an adequate fly-swat.

Great Britain v Austria. North-South game. Dealer North

♠ 5 4 2
♡ K Q 3
◇ K 10 6 2
♣ 7 6 4

West		East
♠ 7 3	N	♠ A K Q 9
♡ J 10 9 8	W E	♡ A 7 6 5
◇ J 7 5 3	S	◇ 9
♣ J 10 5		♣ K Q 9 2

♠ J 10 8 6
♡ 4 2
◇ A Q 8 4
♣ A 8 3

W	N	E	S
Fucik	Sheehan	Kubak	Flint
—	1♣ (1)	Double	Redouble(2)
No	1♡	Double	No
No	No	—	—

(1) Usually, as here, 0-12.
(2) Showing spades and diamonds.

Sheehan managed the play with his customary skill to make seven tricks, 140 to Great Britain. In the other room our teammates Brock and Forrester sailed into four hearts, making 10 tricks, which produced a swing of 11 IMPs.

Several venerable and much respected writers have castigated Strong Pass systems. In clubs or ordinary domestic tournaments, I fully agree that they are undesirable. But at international level the picture changes. In Brighton, three of the leading teams had a pair who played some form of Strong Pass — Sweden, first, Great Britain, second and Denmark, who were sixth.

If I were to play at Wimbledon, I would not expect Becker or Lendl to serve underarm to me. If I did, I fear I would be disappointed.

Jeremy Flint

CHESS

Black power

Chess returns to the television screen on October 3, with coverage of the BIS Group British Speed Championship. There will be seven programmes in all, appearing on Saturdays (Channel 4, noon).

The following game was played in the eighth final stage, which was not shot for TV purposes. There is, therefore, no embargo on publication of the moves. Later important games, from the quarter finals onward of the BIS Championship, will appear in this column after transmission.

White: Malcolm Pein; Black: Nigel Short. BIS British Speed Championship, Queen's Indian Defence.

1 d4	Nf6	2 c4	e6
3 Nf3	b6	4 Nc3	Bb7
5 g3	Bb4	6 Bg2	0-0

This leaves Black with a lifeless position. Black should inflict a weakness with 6 ... Bxc3+.

7 Bd2	d6	8 0-0	Nbd7
9 Qc2	a5	10 Nh4	Bxg2
11 Nxg2	c6	12 e4	e5
13 d5	cxd5	14 cxd5	Rc8
15 f3	b5		

Setting the tone for the rest of the game. Black stakes all on a Queen's side counter-attack.

16 Qd3	Bxc3	17 Bxc3	Qb6+
18 Kh1	Nc5	19 Qe2	Rc7
20 Be1	Rfc8	21 Bf2	Qb7
22 Ne3	g6	23 b3	a4
24 b4	Ncd7	25 g4	h5

The battle shifts to the King's flank, where White has patiently built up an initiative.

26 h3	Kg7	27 Kg2	Qa6
28 Qd2	hxg4	29 hxg4	Nh7
30 Rh1	Ndf8	31 Rh2	f6
32 Rah1	Kg8	33 g5	fxg5
34 a3?			

Much too slow. White's attack is sufficient for a draw, but no more, and he can achieve this with 34 Ng4! Rc2 35 Rxh7! Nxh7 36 Rxh7! Kxh7 (36 ... Rxd2 37 Nf6+ Kf8 38 Nd7+ draws) 37 Qxg5 and White can easily hold a draw by perpetual check.

34 ... Qb7

Now the danger is over, and White is repulsed all along the line.

35 Rh6	Rc3	36 Kg3	Qf7
37 Kg2	Qf4	38 Rd1	g4
39 fxg4?			

A blunder in a hopeless position.

39 ... Qxh6

White resigns.

Raymond Keene

REVIEW

Old, bold and still gold

ROCK RECORDS

Van Morrison: Poetic Champions Compose (Mercury MERH 110)
Eric Clapton/Cream: The Cream Of Eric Clapton (Polydor ECTV 1)

Pink Floyd: A Momentary Lapse Of Reason (EMI EMD 1003)
Jethro Tull: Crest Of A Knave (Chrysalis CDL 1590)
Peter Tosh: No Nuclear War (Parlophone PCS 7309)
Kofi Busia: Oh Africa (African Records International ANM 1228L)

Rock of ages: (above) Van Morrison; (top) Ian Anderson of Jethro Tull and (right) Peter Tosh

Isn't it extraordinary how these old warhorses from the Sixties keep on coming? Age seems not to diminish their ability to place records in the charts and, rather than allowing themselves to be carved in stone, like the images at Mount Rushmore, rock's founding fathers have regrouped in a determined bid to cling to the heritage that it was once widely assumed would be passed on to a succeeding generation.

With the record (and CD) buying baby-boomers now well into middle age, rock's waistline has spread dramatically. Heaven knows what will happen when its audience reaches retirement age, but there seems no reason to suppose that Van Morrison will become redundant. If anything, his **Poetic Champions Compose** only goes to show how adroitly he is able to repeat himself without becoming tiresome. The mellow, unhurried mood is reflected by three saxophone instrumentals — "Spanish Steps", "Celtic Excavation" and "Allow Me" — that proceed in splendid, cool jazz steps while the tremendous ragged intensity of his singing is underlined on the familiar territory of a tumbling melody like "The Mystery" and a slow workout of the traditional blues ode, "Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child".

After a quarter of a century in the business, Eric Clapton enjoyed his most successful solo album yet with last year's *August*, and now is as good a time as ever to release the latest in a long line of compilations of his work. **The Cream Of Eric Clapton** is just that, and as well as all his best known hits - "Cocaine", "I Shot The Sheriff", "Layla", "Lay Down Sally" et al - the album capitalizes on the Cream era with the inclusion of the most obvious selections, "I Feel Free", "Sunshine Of Your Love", "Strange Brew" and "White Room" (CD patrons also get "Crossroads").

Pink Floyd has been losing men overboard since Syd Barrett baled out in 1968. On **A Momentary Lapse Of Reason** it is Roger Waters who is the odd man left out, while David Gilmour and Nick Mason soldier on with Richard Wright — the latter now demoted to a small print credit, which is understood to indicate his status as an employee of the other two.

With Gilmour's steady hand on the tiller, it is an album which restates the classic Floyd values, being roughly the musical equivalent of a Stanley Kubrick film. Apocalyptic visions of "the delivery of oblivion" spring forth from "The Dogs Of War", and guitar notes cut through the dark sound like amusement arcade lasers detonating asteroids in "Yet Another Movie". It's all desperately old-fashioned and not a little ponderous, but standards are preserved.

Which is more than can be said for Jethro Tull's 21st album release, **Crest Of A Knave**, a dreadful hotch-potch of seedy old ideas, with Ian Anderson making a succession of embarrassing imitations of Mark Knopfler's singing style.

In a surprising "mark of respect", EMI will not be promoting Peter Tosh's new album, **No Nuclear War**, as vigorously as they had planned to do if the singer had not died earlier this month at home in Jamaica at the hands of armed burglars. Tosh, one of the original members of Bob Marley's Wailers and the co-writer of Marley's hit "Get Up, Stand Up", enjoyed scant success as a solo act, despite his strong, burnished singing voice. This is an album of loose, loping reggae tracks that deal with the usual subjects, and while good intentions are all very well, songs about apartheid, nuclear war/peace and religious zeal are rapidly becoming the hackneyed rasta equivalents of such rock'n'roll stand-bys as cars, girls and life on the road.

Kofi Busia, who is the English-educated son of the former prime minister of Ghana, adopts an entirely novel and seductive approach on his debut recording, **Oh Africa**. Using synthesizer, keyboards and percussion he creates a unique blend of Western pop and the music and rhythms of West Africa. He is no great singer, but with his clear, compelling enunciation, and gentle personal touch he has the potential to become a significant stylist.

David Sinclair

Salieri's delayed victory

CLASSICAL RECORDS

Salieri: Prima la musica
Mozart: Der Schauspieldirektor Soloists and Concertgebouw Orch/Harnoncourt. Teldec (843336 CD)
Callas: Puccini and Bellini Arias EMI (CDC 7 47966 2 CD)

On a single compact disc Teldec recapture the night Salieri beat Mozart. Austria's Emperor Franz Josef II commissioned both composers to write one-acters with "making an opera" as the subject. They were performed on the same evening, February 7, 1786, at Schönbrunn and Salieri carried the day quite easily. Teldec's conductor, Nikolaus Harnoncourt tells the story crisply in the record booklet.

Prima la musica, poi le parole (Music first, then the words) is a witty piece in the Italian style, well worth somebody's while to stage. Two ladies, the prima donna and the soubrette, squabble for precedence while the poet and composer argue over financial rewards. Life backstage was ever thus. Salieri's overture is perfunctory and he is not in Mozart's class when it comes to writing a finale, even for an occasional piece like this, but in between come some very sparky numbers.

Mozart's Der Schauspieldirektor (The Impresario) is a much more familiar piece. Again it is about rival singers (female), Mesdames Herz and Silberklang, but it is written in German *Singspiel* form, although the spoken dialogue is omitted here. The splendid overture, with the impresario of the title angrily stamping his foot, and the closing Vaudeville are the best items in the score.

Teldec has engaged many of the singers from the new generation. Magda Nador, despite some squeezed high notes, shines in the Mozart and Julia Hamari shows comic style in the Salieri. Thomas Hampson is the exemplary baritone in each opera. But best of all is Harnoncourt's own contribution with the Concertgebouw, consistently fluent and spry.

It will be another week or so before The Unknown Callas, which consists in the main of recordings the lady in question did not want realeased, comes out from EMI. But in the meantime there is a chance to hear on CD some little known Callas.

The Puccini items on Maria **Callas: Puccini and Bellini** are familiar, but the Bellini ones are not, although the accompanying booklet makes little of this. In 1955 Callas had a recording session with Tullio Serafin and the Scala Orchestra for a recital disc to contain arias from *Medea*, *La vestale* and *La sonnambula*.

For inexplicable reasons she did not want the *Sonnambula* tracks released. The record eventually came out with Bellini items sliced from complete recordings. Adina's two arias were not published until after Callas's death. Here they are on CD and show Callas at her finest and in one of her best roles.

John Higgins

JAZZ RECORDS

Wynton Marsalis: Marsalis Standard Time (CBS 451039)

Wynton Marsalis has nothing left to prove, so his decision to dedicate his new album largely to standard tunes from the pens of such authors as Gershwin, Duke and Kern can hardly have been motivated by the feeling that there are still dues to be paid before this extraordinary young trumpeter can be admitted to the ranks of jazz's immortals.

No, it must be simply that he likes these tunes, that he finds a challenge in them, and that to investigate them with the aid of his three outstanding accompanists provides a kind of artistic nourishment satisfying to his present needs.

Much of this programme — which runs for more than an hour — was previewed at his recent South Bank concerts: to the loose "Caravan", the playful "A Foggy Day", the tart "Cherokee" (in two versions) and the show-stopping "Goodbye", add "April in Paris", "The Song is You", "New Orleans", a solo version of "Memories of You" by the quartet's pianist, Marcus Roberts, and two original tunes.

To a basic conception still rooted firmly in middle-period Miles Davis, Marsalis has now added the sort of romantic elegance and melodic lucidity associated with such earlier stylists as Bobby Hackett and Ruby Braff. On something as apparently straightforward as Hoagy Carmichael's "New Orleans", a 32-bar tune taken at medium tempo, he produces a solo of such rich substance and cunning design that it deserves to be in the text-books alongside the best work of Armstrong and Davis. Goodness knows what will happen if he goes on making his tone more and more beautiful: there will be mass swooning at his concerts such as has not been seen since Valentino's funeral.

More should, by rights, be said about the contributions of Roberts, the bassist Bob Hurst and the drummer Jeff Watts; it will have to be enough to suggest that they match their leader on every level, each man bringing a distinctive character to the proceedings. And that, in a production-line world, is a rare thing; as is this whole delightful album.

Richard Williams

THE TIMES ARTS DIARY

Heard it before

Consternation flows across the Channel about the advent in London of L'Orchestre Du Monde, founded by British-based concert pianist Janusz Piotrowicz Stechley, inspired by the charity work of Bob Geldof. "Mr Stechley does not seem to know what everybody in the world of music knows," says Marc Verriere from Paris, pointing out that he officially registered the similarly-named L'Orchestre Philharmonique du Monde in 1983 and that this has so far given charity concerts in Stockholm and Rio de Janeiro.

Stechley claims that various bodies, including the Charities Commission and the Department of Trade, researched the originality of his title. "It amazes me we have never heard of them in England," he says. "The concepts are different anyway; we are primarily chamber-sized, and plan four concerts a year. With the greatest respect to L'Orchestre Philharmonique du Monde, I am not budging on the title."

New role

Prolific as he has been, Malcolm Arnold has just written his first work for solo cello. It was commissioned by Julian Lloyd Webber, a long-time admirer of the 65-year-old composer.

"I have always liked his music but recently he hasn't been writing that much so I wasn't sure if he would do it," Lloyd Webber explains. "I think he is very underrated. He comes from the Walton school of composers, but has never had the recognition he deserves."

Arnold and Lloyd Webber

Lloyd Webber will give the world premiere performance of the 17-minute-long *Fantasy For Cello* at the Wigmore Hall on December 13. It will also appear on a forthcoming album of British cello music which contains another "first": the only recording of a one-minute piece devised in 1976 by Benjamin Britten for the great Rostropovich.

● Seven stars with seven gifts for the future will gather at Seven Dials in Covent Garden on Tuesday for the "topping-in" of foundations and launch of the second stage of a £140,000 appeal to replace the 17th Century monument outside the freshly restored Cambridge Theatre. Julia McKenzie will bury a brass, airtight time capsule into which she and actors George Cole, Paul Jones, Lulu and Joss Ackland, together with writer Claire Rayner and Royal Ballet director Anthony Dowell have been invited to place objects.

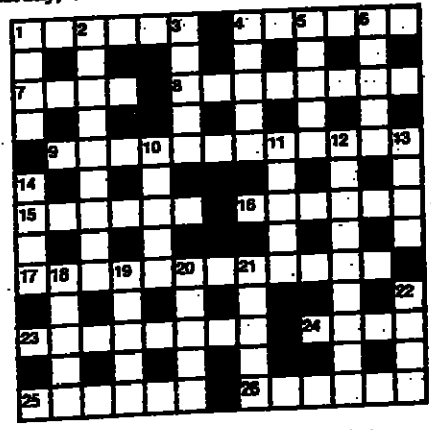
Coo de grace

After overcoming difficulties with the Royal Opera House chorus, more problems beset general director Sir John Tooley. Having installed anti-pigeon wiring on the opera house roof Sir John finds that the birds have made a new home for themselves — across Covent Garden Piazza and above his flat.

Lynda Murdin

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1371

Prizes of the New Collins Thesaurus will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, October 1. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, October 3.



ACROSS
1 Free (6)
4 Wanton cruelty (6)
7 Protection (4)
8 Minced beef round (8)
9 Ecce Homo sculptor (5,7)
15 Supple (6)
16 Stereotyped behaviour (6)
17 Despicable (12)
23 Helicopter pioneer (8)
24 Quail flock (4)
25 Motive (6)
26 Filled with joy (6)

DOWN
1 Channel (4)
2 Deviation (9)
3 Disband troops (5)
4 Head crown skin (5)
5 Musician's first performance (5)
6 Brain surface grooves (5)
10 437.5 grains (5)
11 Space novels (3-2)
12 Exuberant (9)
13 Invalid (4)
14 Heroic poem (4)
18 Express belief (5)
19 Implements (5)
20 Stone worker (5)
21 Mint-smelling herb (5)
22 US polar explorer (4)

SOLUTIONS TO NO 1370

ACROSS: 1 Setter 4 Crayon 7 Alps 8 Poppadom 9 Ryzhkov 11 Slips 12 Walter Bagehot 15 Moans 16 Catalan 20 John Bull 21 Fair 22 Rarity 23 Bantam

DOWN: 1 Sparrow 2 Topaz 3 Repro 4 Cope 5 Yiddish 6 Names 10 Knees 11 Sight 13 Leather 14 Tantrum 15 Major 17 Ad lib 18 Leant 19 Bury

The winners of prize concise No 1365 are: Mrs Ruth Pye, Sycamore Crescent, Clayton-le-Moors, Acrington, Lancs; and J.R. Wells, Old Street, Hillhead, Fareham, Hants.

SOLUTION TO NO 1365

ACROSS: 1 Savour 4 Flabby 7 Gibe 8 Notional 9 Carte blanche 15 Clinic 16 Litmus 17 Run-of-the-mill 23 Advocate 24 Sill 25 Demean 26 Tam-tam

DOWN: 1 Sago 2 Vibration 3 Range 4 Fatal 5 Adorn 6 Brash 10 Thief 11 Axiom 12 Complaint 13 East 14 Scar 18 Undue 19 Ozone 20 Train 21 Elect 22 Glum

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Death rides a Paley horse

FICTION

● Later The Same Day, by Grace Paley (Penguin, £3.95).

Each story in Grace Paley's new collection shows, in a glimpse through the keyhole, a fully-formed, recognizable world. Her sparse, skeletal, yet loaded narrative demands concentration. Every jigsaw phrase or snatch of conversation adds a vital piece to the picture of love, waste, and death.

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Her distinctive outlook opens out from the American Jewish life that is her inspiration, seeing wry humour in hardship and tragedy in humour.

● The Death of Moishe-Ganef, by Simon Louvish (Black Swan, £4.95).

"An irresistable new political thriller", puffs the blurb. And sure, TV critic Joe Dekel, former Israeli Intelligence officer, keeps finding dead bodies in seedy London hotels. He is trailed everywhere by the statutory huge white Mercedes and duly kidnapped somewhere in the environs of Jerusalem.

Grace Paley: wry humour in short stories of hardship

But just as he claims the Middle East is "the excuse for everything", Simon Louvish uses the political thriller storyline as mere licence for a torrent of well-aimed dark jibes at Middle Eastern attitudes and politics. A funny book, but story and intended satire are lost in indefatigable, and sometimes gratuitous wise-cracking.

Sarah Edworthy

NEW PAPERBACKS

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

FICTION

Chernobyl, by Frederik Pohl (Bantam, £4.95) Too-true-for-comfort faction by science fiction writer

Cod Streuth, by Bamber Gascoigne (Paladin, £3.50) Missionary descends upon Brazil in 1559, determined to convert the cannibals to Calvinism. Because of mishap, his only surviving scriptures are the 10 lewdest pages in Rabelais. A witty and charming tale of sex, shrewdness, and salvation

O-Zone, by Paul Theroux (Penguin, £3.95) New York is a paranoid, computer-rich city; the O-Zone is a forbidden radioactive wasteland for rash Robinson Crusoes in a future when society has broken down, and greed and fear run riot

Talkative Man, by R.K. Narayan (Penguin, £2.95) Strange goings-on in smalltown South India, when stranger steps off Delhi train and takes up residence in the station waiting-room, and will not leave

The News From Ireland, by William Trevor (Penguin, £3.95) Twelve lovely, subtle, precise short stories of loneliness, the vagaries of love, regret, fear, and loss of youth

NON-FICTION

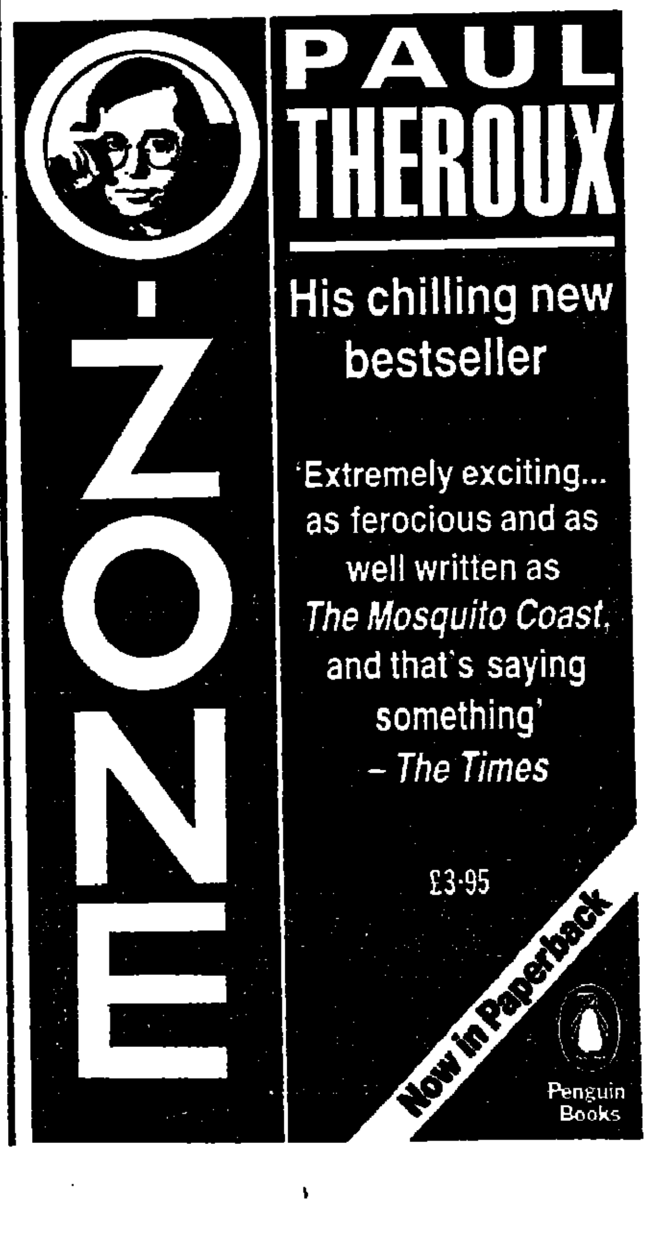
FDR, by Ted Morgan (Grafton, £7.95) Big biography of the crippled millionaire president who invented the Welfare State

Imitations of Immortality, compiled and edited by E.O. Parrott (Penguin, £4.95) Witty selection of parodic prose and verse, sometimes nearly better than the originals

Plays and Fragments, by Menander, translated with an introduction by Norma Miller (Penguin Classics, £4.95) Lively prose translation and inviting introduction to the founding father of New Comedy, the first playwright to portray the lives of ordinary people in witty comedies of manners

The Complete Plain Words, by Sir Ernest Gowers, new edition revised by Sidney Greenbaum and Janet Whitcut (Penguin, £3.95) Brought up to date, from sexist language to the new jargons, without losing the old style and wit

The Shorter Pepys, by Samuel Pepys, selected and edited by Robert Latham (Penguin, £9.95) Seamless abridgement of the Prince of Diarists to a third of the original, keeping the great set-pieces and famous passages, losing the *longueurs*



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THE WEEK AHEAD

CONCERTS

***MIGHTY MAHLER:* Giuseppe Sinopoli**, still quite a controversial figure, shapes up for two unusual concerts on the South Bank, both with the Philharmonia Orchestra. Thursday's programme is devoted exclusively to Mahler's 80-minute Symphony No 9, the first movement of which Alban Berg said was "the most glorious he ever wrote". Next Saturday's concert includes Elgar, Schumann and Mozart. Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), today and next Saturday.

THEATRE

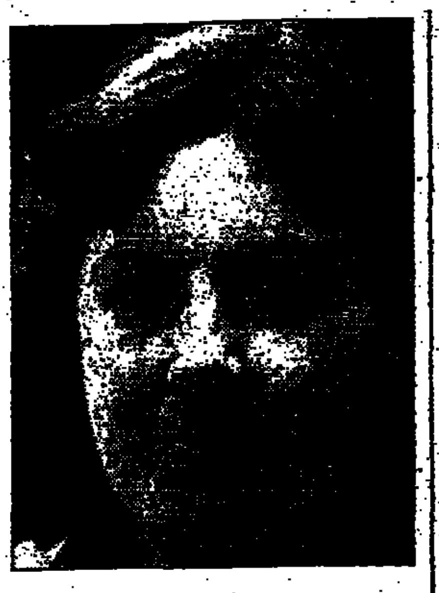
UNDER THREAT: Glynis Barber, best known as the Makepeace of the television series *Dempsey and Makepeace*, takes to the stage in a new production of Agatha Christie's *And Then There Were None*, based on the book of that name but *previously staged as Ten Little Niggers* or *Ten Little Indians.* Kenneth Alan Taylor of Nottingham Playhouse directs a cast which also includes Rodney Bewes, Geoffrey Davies and Jack Hedley. Duke of York's (01-836 5122). Previews from *Tues. Opens Oct 7.*

GALLERIES

ART ABROAD: Josef Herman evolved his instantly recognizable brand of heroic figurative painting by watching miners at Ystradynlais in South Wales, where he eventually settled after arriving in Britain from Poland in 1940, aged 29. A new *exhibition, however,* is showing less familiar pictures made during his travels in the 1950s to Israel, Burgundy and a Spanish fishing village called Torremolinos. The exhibition is at Boundary Gallery, London NW8 (01-624 1126). *From Wednesday.*

ROCK

LARRY ON THE LAMB: Larry Blackmon, leader of Cameo and owner of the Atlanta Artists label, has his production skills featured on a plethora of forthcoming releases. Meanwhile the group's UK tour deploys the full Cameo stage production, previously considered too expensive to transport. Tomorrow, Edinburgh Playhouse (031 557 2590); Mon, Colston Hall, Bristol (0272 291768); Wed, Wembley Arena (01-902 1234); Thurs, NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133); Fri, Manchester Apollo (061 273 3775).



OPERA

CHINESE CRACKER: Judith Weir had a huge critical *success with her A Night At the Chinese Opera* when it was first performed at this year's Cheltenham Festival. Commissioned by the BBC, the work takes its inspiration from the drama of 13th century China and deftly juggles of comedy and tragedy. *It* now has its London premiere, again in the Kent Opera production by Richard Jones, with Meryl Drower and Michael Chance in leading roles. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191), tomorrow 3pm.

BOOKS

SWINGING DETECTIVE: Dennis Potter's novel *Blackeyes* (which is published on Monday by Faber, £8.95) is a gripping detective story, with the extra ingredient of literary distinction. Ageing novelist produces sensational faction of London's *demi-monde*. But the story of Blackeyes is not his, but his niece's. She is found naked and drowned in Kensington Gardens . . . The genres are manipulated; fictional narratives are interwoven; jokes are made; the reader is teased, entertained, and moved.

THEATRE

LONDON

DR KHEAL/A SERMON: British premieres for two short US plays. *Dr Kheal* is by Maria Irene Fornes; *A Sermon* is by David Mamet. Both directed by Deborah Nitzberg.
Young Vic (01-928 6363). Opens Tues. Plays Tues-Thurs until Oct 15.

DUNGENESS — THE DESERT IN THE GARDEN: Commissioned piece by Graeme Miller, music/theatre *vision of the Kent headland* shadowed by two nuclear power stations.
Institute of Contemporary Arts (01-930 3647). Opens Tues.

ENFANTILLAGES (KID'S STUFF): Two performances of *a French one-man* performance by Raymond Cousse, who also wrote this re-creation of a young boy's life in a French village.
Institut Français (01-589 6211). Fri and Oct 3.

MOON DANCE NIGHT: Yvonne Brewster directs the premiere of a "gently satirical" play by Edgar White, about a black newsreader who "goes on holiday and accidentally trips over her roots . . ." With Isabelle Lucas.
Arts (01-836 2132). From Wed.

TATTOO THEATRE: Yugoslavian group brought to London from its British debut at Edinburgh Festival. Wordless story of a couple's relationship, written and *directed by Mladen Materic.*
Almeida (01-359 4404). Opens Tues.

OUT OF TOWN

CHELTENHAM: The Prospero Suite: Premiere of drama by Warner Brown, about a film director coming out of retirement following a mauling by critics.
Everyman (0242 572573). Opens Wed.

LEICESTER: The Traveller: European premiere of a study, by Jean Claude van Italie, of a composer who suffers a stroke in mid-life. Directed by Keith Boak; with David Threlfall, Morag Hood.
Haymarket Studio (0533 539797). Preview Wed. Opens Thurs.

LIVERPOOL: Under Milk Wood: Dylan Thomas's portrait of a Welsh fishing village.
Playhouse (051-709 8363). Opens Mon.

EDINBURGH: A Doll's House: Ibsen classic about a woman in a "suffocating marriage"; directed by Jules Wright.
Royal Lyceum (031-229 9697). Opens Fri.

WORCESTER: The Man of Mode: George Etherege's Restoration comedy.
Swan (0905 27322). Opens Thurs.

CHESTER: Loot: Joe Orton's black farce.
Gateway (0244 40392). Opens Thurs.

GALLERIES

EDOUARD MANET: Graphic works, some of which establish the origins of the Impressionist's most famous pictures.
Scott Gallery, Lancaster University (0524-65201). From today.

WINIFRED NICHOLSON: Bright, colourful yet intimate flower paintings and landscapes observed through windows.
Bristol City Art Gallery (0272-299771). From today.

ROBERT COLQUHOUN: An exhibition of the neo-Romantic painter's works on paper to mark the 25th anniversary of his death.
Rozelle House Gallery, Alloway, Ayr (0292-45447). From today.

EDWARD MIDDLEDITCH: Retrospective for leading painter of the Kitchen Sink School in the 1950s who died in July.
Nottingham University Art Gallery (0602-411881). From Mon.

JEAN DUBUFFET: Works on paper done since 1974 by the 86-year-old master of so-called *art brut* (raw art), whose paintings are heavily influenced by graffiti.
Waddington Galleries, London W1 (01-437 8611). From Wed.

KNOWING YOUR PLACE: Works by 18 artists, including Adrian Berg and Simon Lewty, who were commissioned by a conservationist charity, Common Ground, to make maps of favourite places in the British Isles.
Brewery Arts Centre, Kendal, Cumbria (0539-25133). From Thurs.

JOHN SELWAY: Gritty, *satirical* works in mixed media, predominantly oil and pastel.
Christopher Hull Gallery, London SW1 (01-235 0500). From Wed.

JEAN DAVEY WINTER: First *one-person show in London* for a painter who collages detailed maps into her work.
Anderson O'Day Fine Art, London W11 (01-221 7592). From Wednesday.

DANCE

LONDON CONTEMPORARY: A new spectacular Robert Cohan's *The Phantasmagoria*, with designs by Nadine *Baylis and score by Barrington* Pheloung, on tour before coming to Sadler's Wells in November.
Birmingham Hippodrome (021-6227846) Tues-Oct 3.

ROYAL THAI DANCERS: *Colourful troop returns to* London with a varied programme of traditional works. Sadler's Wells (01 278-8916) Wed-Oct 10.

RAMBERT DANCE COMPANY: Works by Richard *Alston, Christopher Bruce,* Michael Clark, Siobhan Davies and Lynn Seymour make up the programmes on tour.
Theatre Royal Bath (0225-65065) today. Theatre Royal, Nottingham (0602-482626). Tues-Oct 3.

SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET: Two more performances of *La Fille mal gardeé* complete the Big Top season at Leeds Castle, Maidstone. (0622-35203).

PHOTOGRAPHY

BLACK TRIANGLE: Respected African photo-journalist Armet Francis has spent a number of years discovering the roots of the slave trade and following the path that many of the slaves would have taken from Africa through Britain and on to New York.
Open Eye Gallery, 90-92 Whitechapel, Liverpool, (051 709 9460) until end of October.

FILMS

AMAZING STORIES (15): Three of the best from Steven Spielberg's television *anthology series of spooky tales, Amazing Stories*, unseen in Britain. Spielberg himself directed *The Mission;* Robert Zemeckis did *Go to the Head of the Class*, and William Dear, *Mommy Daddy.*
Plaza (01-437 1234), from Fri.

LA DOLCE VITA (18): Fellini's celebrated epic survey of decadent modern Rome, with Marcello Mastroianni as the reporter following a labyrinth of orgies, sinfulness and startling images. With Anita Ekberg, Anouk Aimee, Nadia Gray.
Everyman Hampstead (01-435 1525), from Fri.

BURGLAR: Soviet punks come under the microscope in this notable first feature by director Valery Ogorodnikov; part of the Metro Cinema's two-week season of Lenfilm productions old and new. Metro (01-437 0757), from Fri.

JAZZ

RAY BROWN: The great bassist's trio includes Gene Harris, a pianist with a genius for the blues.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747). Mon-Sat.

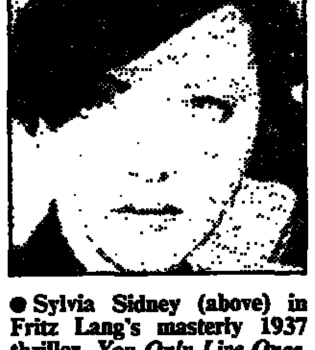
TEDDY EDWARDS: In his youth, during the early Fifties, this Californian tenorist was the peer of such as Dexter Gordon and Wardell Gray.
100 Club, 100 Oxford Street, London W1 (01-636 0933).

JIGGS WHIGHAM: Virtuoso trombonist, once a featured soloist with the Stan Kenton orchestra.
Bull's Head, 373 Lonsdale Road, London SW13 (01-876 5241), Tues. Bass Clef, 35 *Coronet Street, London N1* (01-729 2476), Wed.

FILMS ON TV

SILKWOOD (1983): Meryl *Streep as Karen Silkwood, the* nuclear plant worker contaminated by radiation.
BBC1, today, 9.05-11.10pm.

NEVER SAY NEVER AGAIN (1983): Sean Connery, bewigged but unbowed, in his James Bond comeback, supplying the insolent style the series has recently lacked.
ITV, tomorrow, 7.45-10.05pm.



● Sylvia Sidney (above) in Fritz Lang's masterly 1937 thriller, *You Only Live Once.* Henry Fonda plays an ex-convict who is sentenced to death after being wrongfully charged with murder and makes a desparate bid for freedom. Sidney is the wife who accompanies him on his doomed odyssey. Tense and atmospheric, the film owes much to Leon Shamroy's monochrome photography. Channel 4, today, 2-3.35pm.

OPERA

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: A choice of Puccini, Verdi or Wagner. Tonight, Thurs and Sat Oct 3, at 7.30pm, *La Bohéme* revived with Giuseppe Patane at the helm and Mirella Freni, Ann Marie Gonzalez and Luis Lima leading a lively cast (Ilona Tokody takes over from Oct 3). Last staging on Mon and Wed (7.30pm) of with Ingvar Wixell in the title role. *Tannhäuser* continues its run on Tues and Fri (6.30pm), *with Klaus Konig.*
Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066)

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: New productions of Stephen Sondheim's *Pacific Overtures* (tonight, Wed *and Fri, 7.30pm) and* Bizet's *Pearl Fishers* (Tues and Thurs, 7.30pm).
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161)

WELSH NATIONAL OPERA: Tonight at 7pm a welcome return of the Pountney/Mackerras *The Cunning Little Vixen.* Janácek's fable/opera is sung in English with a cast led by Anne Dawson.
Grand Theatre, Swansea (0792 475715)

ROCK

THAT PETROL EMOTION: Irish politico-rockers who have stormed out on their partnership with Polydor Records.
Tonight, Leicester Poly (0533 555576); Tomorrow, Leadmill, Sheffield (0742 754500); Mon, Mayfair, Newcastle (091 232 3109); Tues, Powerhouse, *Birmingham (021 643 4715);* Thurs, Leeds Poly (0532 430171); Fri; University of East Anglia (0603 505401).

RATTLESNAKE ANNIE: Born and raised on a Tennessee tobacco farm, *she came up via the Grand Ole* Opry. Fabulous voice.
Tomorrow, Half Moon Putney, London SW15 (01-788 2387); Thurs, Mean Fiddler, London NW10 (01-961 5490).

THE OYSTER BAND: Folk-rockers, *touring to promote* their second album, *Wide Blue Yonder.*
Tonight, Isle of Wight Arts Centre (0983 523464); Wed, Grove Community Arts Centre, Dorchester (0305 669262); Thurs, Worthing Pavilion (0903 820500); Fri, Community Centre, Windsor (0753 855950).

TELEVISION

THE DIVIDED UNION: Five-part history of the American Civil War, written and directed by Peter Batty.
Channel 4, Mon, 10-11pm.

BUSTER KEATON: Documentary study of the great film comedian by Kevin Brownlow and David Gill.
ITV, Wed, 9-10pm.

PULASKI: David Andrews plays an actor who plays a television detective in a new series by Roy *(The Last of the Summer Wine)* Clarke.
BBC1, Fri, 9.30-10.45pm.

CONCERTS

PARIS SALONS: The Nash Ensemble begins a series of music associated with the salons of *Paris, 1860-1930.*
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141). Today, 7.30pm.

RUSSIAN EVENING: Bramwell Tovey conducts the London Concert Orchestra in Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet*, Rimsky-Korsakov's *Spanish Capriccio*, Tchaikovsky's *Capriccio Italien* and Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 2 (Janine Sowden, soloist).
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891). Today, 8pm.

HAYDN/MOZART: With Arleen Augér (soprano) and Keith Lewis (tenor) the Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields, plus the Academy Choir, performs Haydn's *Harmoniemesse* and Mozart's cantata *Davidde Penitente*. Sir Neville Marriner conducts.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). Tues, 7.30pm.

FOUR HANDS: Pianists Kathron Sturrock and Piers Lane play works by Mozart and Milhaud, Schubert and Bartók, and three of Liszt's two-piano versions of his Hungarian Rhapsodies.
Wigmore Hall. Tues, 7.30pm.

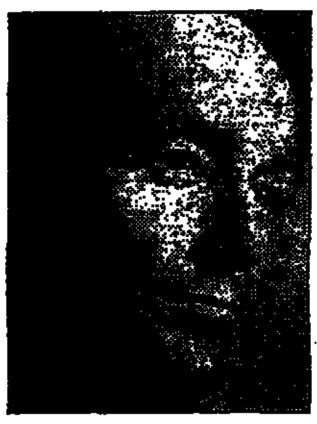
GIBSON/ECO: Sir Alexander Gibson conducts the ECO in *Mozart's Nozze di Figaro* Overture, Haydn's Trumpet Concerto (soloist, Crispian Steele-Perkins).
Barbican Centre, Tues, 7.45pm.

WAGNER/BRUCKNER: Rosalind Plowright (soprano) with the LPO in the Prelude and *Liebestod* from Wagner's *Tristan*, followed by Bruckner's Symphony No 7. Hans Vonk conducts.
Festival Hall. Wed, 7.30pm.

RADIO

THE QUESTION WHY: An appreciation of the veteran art historian Sir Ernst Gombrich.
Radio 3, tomorrow, 5.30-6.15pm.

THE WHITE ROAD AND THE SKY: The pleasures of pre-war cycling trips in the Shropshire hills as recorded in the diary of a Coventry plumber, Jack Walmsley.
Radio 4, Wed, 7.45-8.15pm.



● The life and music of Woody Guthrie (above), who died 20 years ago, is featured in a four-part series narrated by Tom Paxton. The folk singer who became the conscience of rural America, Guthrie was famous for such ballads as "This Land Is Your Land", "Pastures of Plenty" and "Hard Travelling". He is remembered by friends including Pete Seeger, Alan Lomax and Bob Dylan. Radio 2, Wednesday, 8.30-9pm.

WALKS

INSIDE DICKENS'S LONDON: meet today, Holborn tube, 2pm, £2.25.

WALKING TOUR OF BLOOMSBURY: meet tomorrow, Warren Street tube, 11.30am, £2.50.

HISTORIC TOUR OF LONDON'S UNDERGROUND RAILWAY: meet tomorrow, Baker Street tube, 11am, £3.

FUN RUN — HOLBORN AND THE INNS OF COURT: meet Mon, Holborn tube, 7pm, 50p.

HISTORY OF LONDON'S COCKNEY'S — WHERE NON-CONFORMISTS HID: meet Wed, St Paul's tube, 11am, £3.

ROYAL COURTS OF JUSTICE REVEALED: meet Fri, Holborn tube, 2pm, £2.50.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

LA STRANIERA: Two semi-staged concert performances of *Bellini work by Wexford* Festival Opera, with Renata Daltin as Alaide La Straniera (the stranger); and Radio Telefis Eireann Symphony Orchestra. Nov 3 and 5.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1. (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800, info 01-928 3002).

ROSTROPOVICH 60TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS: Booking for concerts in November, with Lutoslawski conducting his own cello concerto and Rostropovich soloing; plus performance of Britten's *War Requiem* with Rostropovich conducting.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800, info 01-928 3002). Advance postal booking open. General booking from Oct 6/7.

SHANGHAI KUNJU THEATRE: London première for company of dancers, singers and acrobats, with three programmes: *Kunju Macbeth*, a Chinese version of Shakespeare's play; *The Woman Warrior*, a programme of fights and stunts; and *The Peony Pavilion*, a romantic opera by Tang Xian Zu. Oct 26-Nov 6. London Palladium, PO Box 3AB, London W1. (01-437 7373).

LAST CHANCE

GILBERT AND GEORGE: Large scale pictures, 1982-86, including huge new triptych, "Class War, Militant, Gateway". Ends tomorrow.
Hayward Gallery, South Bank, London SE1 (01-261 0127).

Theatre: Tony Patrick; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Richard Williams; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Television, Radio and Films on TV:** Peter Waymark; **Photography:** Michael Young; **Walks:** Greta Carslaw; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

Alan Parker on directing: "What we do is get on aeroplanes and go and make movies. We're a bunch of yobbos who got lucky"

Lights, camera ... turnips

Alan Parker last came before us in *A Turnip Head's Guide to the Cinema*, the most fiery of Thames Television's trio of personal views from British film directors, transmitted in 1986. If the public was previously unsure who Parker was, this put them right with a bang. For 90 minutes he proudly displayed his working-class roots in Islington (pre-gentrification), and paraded his opinions and resentments, pouring scorn over critics, the British Film Institute and television itself with the same hot temper, cheek and visual panache that stamp his own films.

Now there is a new addition to the canon: *Angel Heart*, a heated thriller filmed in New Orleans and New York, with Mickey Rourke as a simple, down-and-out detective plunged into voodoo rites and murders.

Parker derived the TV programme's title from a *New Statesman* quotation that divided cinema audiences into two camps — intellectuals and turnip heads. Parker's claim to the common touch is not spurious: *his films are made* and played all over the world, and most of them, beginning with *Bugsy Malone* in 1976, have found significant popular success. Yet he seems to crave intellectual attention too, and is inordinately peeved by critical gripes, especially from the folks back home. "*Birdy* had a standing ovation from 3,000 people at Cannes," he told one interviewer, "and I come back to England to find they say the film is terrible."

"Terrible" is an overstatement. The critical complaint against *Birdy* and others tends to be that Parker's considerable talents are used in the pursuit of *the meretricious image, the overwrought* effect: hard-sell tactics derived, so the old chestnut goes, from his background in commercials.

Parker himself, though, voices the odd self-critical word in retrospect. He finds *Pink Floyd — The Wall*, a luridly vivid edition of Roger Waters's album wailing against modern society, "almost too angry — when I look at it now, I'm almost embarrassed"; and in *Midnight Express*, he wishes he had leavened the savage picture of Turkish prison brutalities with a mollifying dialogue line or two.

Angel Heart does not, it must be said, mark a major leap forward in restraint. The excesses derive partly from the original material — a far-fetched thriller tactfully described by the director as "not a great piece of literature, but a good pulp story". The project at least allowed Parker to flex his muscles at the typewriter (he wrote his own script), and work with Robert De Niro, who appears for several unsettling scenes as the stranger who sends Mickey Rourke on his dangerous mission in search of a missing crooner.

Despite making four films in America, Parker does not categorize himself as an expatriate. Whatever the production base, he works with the same inner team, including producer Alan Marshall, editor Gerry Hambling and photographer Michael Seresin. As he explained to *Cinema Paper* magazine, "What we do is, we get on aeroplanes and go and make movies somewhere else . . . We're a bunch of yobbos who got lucky." Or, of course, a bunch of turnips.

Geoff Brown

Angel Heart (18) opens on October 2 at *the Leicester Square Theatre* (01-930 5252)

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

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SATURDAY

BBC1 WALES 5.15pm-5.20 Sports News Wales SCOTLAND 5.15pm-5.20 Scottish News and Sport 11.10-11.40 Sportscene — Rugby (Scotland v France) NORTHERN IRELAND 4.55pm-5.05pm Northern Ireland Results (within Grandstand) 5.15-5.20 Inside Ulster Newsline 1.30am-1.35 News and weather ENGLAND 5.15pm-5.20 South-east: Sport South-west: Spotlight News and Sport. All other English regions: Regional News and Sport
BBC2
SCOTLAND 2.30pm-5.00 Conference '87 5.00-6.15 Championship Darts (joining network).

ANGLIA As London except: 11.30am Fall Guy 12.30pm-1.00 ALF.

BORDER As London except: 11.30am Groovie Ghoulies 12.00-1.00pm UFO 12.30am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 11.00am Film: Thief of Baghdad 12.00pm-1.00 Woody Woodpecker 12.30am Prisoner Cell Block H 1.25 Film: Modesty Blaise 3.50 News, Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: 11.30am Knight Rider 12.30pm-1.00 Survival of the Fittest 4.00am Company, Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 11.30am ALF 12.00-1.00pm Knight Rider 9.05-10.30 Film: Savages 12.30am Reflections, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 11.30am-1.00pm Film: Who Goes There? 2.15-2.45 Easy Street 12.30am Film: Red Sun 2.30 America's Top Ten 2.55 Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 11.30am Knight Rider 12.00pm ALF 12.30-1.00 Starring...The Actors 11.20 Club Rugby 12.05am Snooker 12.30 Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 11.20pm-12.05am Club Rugby.

SCOTTISH As London except: 11.30am America's Top Ten 11.55 Cartoon 12.00-1.00pm Highway to Heaven 12.30am Late Call, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 11.30am War of the Monster Trucks 12.25pm Gus Honeybun 12.30-1.00 South West Week 5.05 Newsport 5.10 Smurfs 5.25-5.35 Gus Honeybun 9.05-10.30 Film: Deliver Us from Evil 12.30am Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 11.30am *Knight Rider* 12.30pm-1.00 Survival of the Fittest 4.00am Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 11.30am-1.00pm Film: Beast from 20,000 Fathoms* 9.05-10.30 Film: Carquake 12.30am Poetry of the People, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 11.30am-1.00pm Film: Disorderly Orderly* 12.25am Newstime, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 11.30am-1.00pm Film: Little Mermaid 12.30am Film: Creatures the World Forgot 2.15 Jobfinder 3.15 Closedown.

S4C Starts: 9.30am Coping 10.00 What the Papers Say 10.15 Valued Opinion 10.30 Full Life 11.00 The Mississippi 12.00 Sea War* 12.30pm Scotland's Story 1.00 Silent Classic* 3.00 Film: Uncle Silas* 5.00 Battle for the Planet 6.00 Right to Reply 6.30 All Muck and Magic? 7.00 The Dragon Has Two Tongues 7.30 Newyddion 7.50 Treialon Cwn Defaid 8.15 Noson Lawen 1987 9.15 Y Maes Chwarae 10.05 Golden Girls 10.35 Makers of Melody 10.55 Australian Rules Football 12.55am Film: Dr Mabuse the Gambler* 2.50 Closedown.

SUNDAY

BBC1 WALES 12.50am-12.55 News and weather SCOTLAND 12.35pm-12.58 Landward NORTHERN IRELAND 5.05pm-5.35 The Belfast Championship Dog Show 11.20 Up Front 12.00 Seventy Summers 12.30am The Sky At Night 12.50-12.55 News and weather
BBC2
WALES 1.30pm Sunday Grandstand: 1.30-2.00 Rugby Union (Pontypool v Bridgend and Newport v Swansea) (then as network)

ANGLIA As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Elmer Fudd 1.00pm Link 1.15 Aloft in the Rigging 1.25 Weather 1.30-2.00 Farming Diary 5.00 Man in a Suitcase 6.00-6.30 Bullseye.

BORDER As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Cartoon 1.00pm Farming Outlook 1.30 News 1.35 Cartoon 1.45-2.00 Link 5.00 Highway to Heaven 6.00-6.35 Bullseye 10.50 Scottish National Party Conference 11.50 Snooker 12.30am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Elmer Fudd 1.00pm Central Post 1.10-1.15 News 1.30-2.00 Here and Now 5.00 Highway to Heaven 6.00-6.30 Bullseye 12.30am Prisoner Cell Block H 1.25 Donahue 2.25 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 2.55 News, Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Starting Point 9.30-9.35 Felix the Cat 1.00pm Link 1.15 Les Français Chez Vous 1.30 Farm Focus 4.30 Bullseye 5.00-5.30 Knights of God 3.30am Company, Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Cartoon 11.00 Horses for Courses 11.30-12.00 Inquisition 1.00 Farming Outlook 1.30 Spacewatch 1.45-2.00 Link 5.00 Scotsport 6.00-6.30 Bullseye 10.50 Scottish National Party Conference 11.50 Snooker 12.30am Reflections, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Elmer Fudd 1.00 Members Only 1.05 This is Your Right 1.25 Aap Kaa Hak 1.40-2.00 Link 5.00 Love Boat 6.00-6.30 Bullseye 12.30am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Cartoon 1.00pm Farming Wales 1.30 Cartoon 1.45-2.00 Link 5.00 Highway to Heaven 6.00-6.35 Bullseye 12.30am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: No variation.

SCOTTISH As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Elmer Fudd 11.00-12.00 Glen Michael Cavalcade 1.00pm-1.15 Canadian Documentary 1.30 Farming Outlook 2.00-2.30 Gods of War 5.00 Scotsport 6.00-6.30 Bullseye 10.50 Scottish National Party Conference 11.50 Snooker 12.30am Late Call, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Look and See 1.00pm Tightlines 1.10 Farming News 1.45-2.00 Link 4.30 Gardens for All 5.00 Knights of God 5.30 Looking Back with Kenneth Macleod 6.00-6.30 Bullseye 12.30am Postscript: Postbag, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Elmer Fudd 1.00pm Link 1.15 Action! 1.30-2.00 Farm Focus 4.30 Bullseye 5.00-5.30 Knights of God 3.30am Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Hello Sunday 1.00pm Farming Outlook 1.30 How the Leopard Got his Spots 1.45-2.00 Link 5.00 Who's the Boss? 5.30 Northern Life 6.00-6.30 Bullseye 12.30am Epilogue, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Elmer Fudd 1.00pm-1.15 Ask Anne? 1.30-2.00 Farming Ulster 5.00 Finding Fax Future 6.00-6.30 Bullseye 12.30am Sports Results 12.35 Newstime, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Elmer Fudd 1.00pm Cartoon 1.10 Link 1.25-2.00 Farming Diary 5.00 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) 6.00-6.30 Bullseye 12.30am Five Minutes 12.35 Jobfinder 1.35 Closedown.

S4C Starts: 10.00am Colonial Madness 11.00 Waltons 12.00 Network 7 2.00 Film: Thank Your Lucky Stars* 4.15 Equinox 5.15 Business Programme 6.00 American Football 7.20 Newyddion 7.30 Caneuon Pia Chwithig 8.00 Darlshoedd y Pentan 8.30 Cwlwm 9.00 St Elsewhere 9.55 Film: To Each his Own* 12.10am Closedown.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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SATURDAY

CHOICE

● Robert Bresson's reputation as a giant of French, and world, cinema rests on just 13 feature films made over a period of more than 40 years. The frugality of Bresson's output is matched by the austerity of his style. His films have a spare intensity, with all extraneous matter stripped away. He largely dispenses with music and he prefers to work with non-professional actors. Few directors make films with more of a personal stamp. Tomorrow is Bresson's 80th birthday and to celebrate the event, BBC2's excellent *Film Club* is offering a Bresson double bill, introduced by a former assistant and long standing admirer, Louis Malle. Made in 1973, **Lancelot of the Lake** (9.40pm) is a typical Bresson version of the Arthurian legend which apart from its deft handling of the characters offers great pictorial beauty. **A Man Escaped** (11.20pm) dates from 1956, Bresson's fourth feature and the one that first established his international reputation. Based on the true story of a young French Resistance fighter escaping from a Nazi prison, it eschews conventional heroics and explores a favourite Bresson theme, the quest for self-knowledge.

Peter Waymark

Lancelot (centre) played by Luc Simon, with King Arthur (r) and Gawain (l) (Lancelot of the Lake: BBC2, 9.40pm)

BBC1

7.35 Open University

8.25 Saturday Starts Here. A new series of programmes for children presented by Sarah Greene and Phillip Schofield beginning with Corners (r). **8.40** Chucklevision **9.00** The Muppet Babies **9.30** Going Live includes advice from cat expert Grace McHattie and pop group Living in a Box. **12.12 Weather.**

12.15 Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **12.20 Golf**: Ryder Cup report; **12.35 Football Focus; 1.00 News; 1.05** and **4.10 Volleyball**: the Royal Bank Cup; **1.40, 2.05, 2.35, 3.15** and **3.50 Racing from Ascot; 1.55, 2.25, 2.55** and **3.35 Boxing** from Crystal Palace; **3.45** Half-times **4.40** Final score.

5.05 News and weather **5.15** Regional news/Sport.

5.20 Rolf Harris Cartoon Time.

5.45 Telly Addicts. The Chinerys from Poole meet the Hewitt family of Liverpool. Presented by Noel Edmonds

6.15 'Allo 'Allo! There are three plots to retrieve the knockwurst containing the painting (r). (Ceefax)

6.50 Bob's Full House. Bingo quiz show presented by Bob Monkhouse. (Ceefax)

7.30 The Russ Abbot Show. Comedy sketches and music. (Ceefax)

8.00 Casualty. Part three of the medical drama series. (Ceefax)

8.50 News, sport and weather.

9.05 Film: Silkwood (1983) starring Meryl Streep and Kurt Russel. Drama, based on fact, about a young woman who discovers a radiation leak at the nuclear plant where she works in the United States and puts her life at risk by trying to expose the accident. Directed by Mike Nichols. (Ceefax)

11.10 Monty Python's Flying Circus (r).

11.40 Darts and Golf. Highlights of the final of the Unipart Professional Darts Championship in Redcar introduced by Tony Gubba; and the best of the action on the second day of the Ryder Cup at Muirfield Village, Ohio, presented by Harry Carpenter.

1.30 Weather.

BBC2

7.40 Open University.

2.20 Network East. Asian current affairs magazine. Genetic fingerprinting and the difficulty in obtaining legal aid are examined this week; there is a report on the two-year wait for compensation Asian shopholders are experiencing following the Handsworth riots; an interview with Indian actress Sridevi; and film of singer/actor Mithun Chakruborty in concert at the National Exhibition Centre.

3.00 No Limits. A repeat of last Tuesday's rock music programme presented by Tony Baker and Jenny Powell.

4.00 No Limits for Erasure. Highlights of a Bank Holiday concert by the band Erasure held at the Brighton Dome (r).

4.40 Championship Darts. Live coverage of the final of the Unipart British Professional Darts Championship, introduced by Tony Gubba from the Redcar Bowl. The commentators are Sid Waddell and Tony Green.

6.15 NewsView. The latest national and international news; and a review of the week's news in pictures with subtitles. **Weather.**

6.55 Leeds International Piano Competition. The second three of the six finalists each play a concerto with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra conducted by Simon Rattle. Introduced by Michael Berkeley and Jane Glover from Leeds Town Hall.

9.40 Film: Lancelot of the Lake (1974) starring Luc Simon and Laura Duke Condominas. In French with English subtitles. (see Choice)

11.05 Leeds International Piano Competition. The results of the competition and the presentation of the awards by the Duchess of Kent.

11.20 Film: A Man Escaped (1956, b/w) starring François Leterrier. The true story of a young French Resistance fighter, sentenced to death by the Gestapo, who plans his escape from a prison that has never had a break out. Directed by Robert Bresson. English subtitles. Ends at **1.05.** (see Choice)

NB: programme times after the finals of the piano competition are approximate.

ITV/LONDON

6.00 Open College 7.00 TV-am includes news, weather and sport.

7.30 The Wide Awake Club.

9.25 No 73. Entertainment for the young **11.00 The Roxy** (r). **11.30 Frocks on the Box** (r).

12.00 The Fall Guy. Adventures of a stunt man starring Lee Majors.

1.00 News with David Cass.

1.05 Saint and Greavsie. 1.30 Wrestling from the Floral Hall, Southport.

2.15 The Cuckoo Waltz. Comedy series starring Diane Keen and David Roper (r).

2.45 Snooker. Action from the Fidelity International tournament, introduced by Dickie Davies from Trentham Gardens, Stoke-on-Trent.

4.45 Results Service.

5.00 News.

5.05 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game.

5.35 The A-Team. Hannibal and his team are asked to reunite a fugitive criminal and his daughter.

6.30 Blind Date. Boy meets girl series presented by Cilla Black. (Oracle)

7.15 Beadle's About. Another selection of practical jokes played on unsuspecting members of the public.

7.45 3-2-1. Game show presented by Ted Rogers. The guests include Fascinating Aida and Kiki Dee. (Oracle)

8.45 News.

9.05 Film: Death Cruise (1974) starring Richard Long and Polly Bergen. A made-for-television thriller about three couples on a cruise whose happiness evaporates when one of their number disappears. Directed by Ralph Senensky. Followed by **LWT News** headlines.

10.30 The Dame Edna Experience! The guests are Jane Seymour, Arthur Marshall and Larry Hagman.

11.20 Snooker. Highlights of the evening matches in the Fidelity International.

12.30 Sledge Hammer! The first of a new American police comedy series.

1.00 Night Network includes music from Wet Wet Wet.

4.00 Film: Blue Steel (1933, b/w) starring John Wayne as the cowboy saviour of a beleaguered town. Directed by Robert North Bradbury.

5.00 Baseball '87. Houston Astros v New York Mets. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

8.30 Coping. Part two (r). **10.00 4 What It's Worth** (r). **10.30 Scotland's Story.** Part ten (r). **11.00 Old Country** (r). **11.30 Dancin' Days** (r).

12.25 Sea War (b/w) Final episode (r). **12.55 Murun Buchstansangur.** Cartoon. **1.00 Life on the Levels.** A portrait of the Somerset Levels that cover an area of 200 square miles (r).

2.00 Film: You Only Live Once (1937, b/w) starring Henry Fonda and Sylvia Sidney. Drama about a man wrongly sentenced to death who escapes from prison and tries to make a new life with his wife. Directed by Fritz Lang.

3.35 Film: Girl in the News (1940, b/w) starring Margaret Lockwood. Courtroom drama about a nurse accused of murdering an elderly patient. Directed by Carol Reed.

5.05 Brookside (r). (Oracle)

6.00 Right to Reply. Graham Benson, controller of drama at TVS, the company that made *Mandela*, defends the ethics of making films about living people.

6.30 Tears, Laughter, Fears & Rage. This second programme of the series examines laughter and humour.

7.00 News summary and weather followed by 7 Days presented by Robert Kee. His guest for this first programme of a new series is Brenda Dean, general secretary of the print union Sogat '82.

7.30 Colonial Madness. A documentary celebrating the centenary of the birth of Jamaica's first national hero, Marcus Garvey.

8.30 Japan. The final programme of the series on Japan as seen through British eyes.

9.30 Inochi. The final part of the Japanese drama.

10.00 St Elsewhere. St Eligius Hospital is on the list of a crazed bomber; and Fiscus regrets his hasty wedding proposal.

11.00 Australian Rules Football. The Grand Final: Carlton v Hawthorn

1.00 Film: Dr Mabuse the Gambler: A Picture of Our Time (1922, b/w) starring Rudolph Klein-Rogge. A classic German silent thriller about a master criminal operating in post-First World War Berlin. Directed by Fritz Lang. Ends at **2.55.**

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour until **12.30pm**, then at **2.00, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30** and **12.00** midnight

6.00am Adrian John **8.00** Peter Powell **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Adrian Juste **2.00** The Stereo Sequence with Johnnie Walker: **2.00-3.00** Peeling Back the Years (John Peel and John Walters) **4.00-5.00** The New American Chart Show (Laura Gross) **6.30-7.30** In Concert (Van Morrison from the Glastonbury Festival) **7.30** Simon Mayo **9.30-12.00** Dixie Peach with the Midnight Runner Show **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **1.00pm** As Radio 1 **7.30-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour until **1.00pm**, then at **3.00, 6.00, 7.00** and hourly from **10.00**.

4.00am Dave Bussey **6.00** Steve Truelove **8.05** David Jacobs **9.00** Sounds of the Sixties (Bernard Cribbins) **10.00** Michael Aspel **12.00** Digging for Gold **1.00pm** Ken Dodd's Palace of Laughter **1.30** Sport on 2, incl Racing: From Ascot; Golf: The Ryder Cup from Ohio; Rugby Union: Scotland XV v France XV **6.00** The Match Play **6.30** That's Showbusiness **7.00** ABC Quiz **7.30** Entente Musicale **9.30** String Sound **10.05** Tony Capstick Show **12.05am** Night Owls (Dave Gelly) **1.00** Patrick Lunt **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

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Radio 3

6.35 Open University: Education Bulletin

6.55 Weather **7.00** News

7.10 Morning Concert: Vienna PO under Maazel (Overture: Waldmeister by Johann Strauss); Bournemouth Symphony Men's Chorus and Orchestra with Benjamin Luxon (baritone) under Del Mar (Songs of the Sea by Stanford); Bonn Beethovenhalle Orchestra with Johannes Geffert (organ) under Breuer (Concerto for organ, three horns and strings by Rheinberger)

8.00 World Service News

8.10 Morning Concert contd: LSO with John De Lancie (oboe) under Previn (Flower Clock by Françaix); Three pieces from Album for the young by Livia Rév (piano); LPO under Boult (An Old Song by Warlock); RPO under Beecham (On hearing the first cuckoo in spring by Delius); and NZBC SO (Four Composer Burlesques by Oswald Cheesman)

9.00 News

9.05 Record Review: with Paul Vaughan

10.15 Stereo Release: Recordings of piano pieces including: Handel's Suite No 5 in E by Alicia de Larrocha; and Schubert's Sonata in A minor (D537) by Peter Katin

11.30 Chicago Symphony Orchestra: Recorded concert conducted by Kazuyoshi Akiyama. Mozart's Serenata notturna (K239), Reger's Variations and Fuge on a theme of Mozart Op 132, and Mussorgsky's Pictures from an Exhibition. Includes **12.15** Interval reading **1.00** News

1.05 Mozart and Brahms: Recital by Lydia Mordkovitch (violin) and Clifford Benson (piano) of Mozart's Sonata in G major (K379) and Brahms's Sonata No 3 in D minor.

1.55 New London Consort: Carnival songs, dances and popular music of the Italian Renaissance

2.30 Vermeer Quartet: Beethoven's Quartet in F, Op 18, No 1, and Hindemith's Quartet No 3 (1924) (r)

3.30 Leopold Stokowski: Recordings featuring the conductor who died ten years ago, including: LSO's performance of Debussy's Prélude à l'apres-midi d'un faune and French National Radio Orchestra performance of Ravel's Alborada del gracioso

5.00 Jazz Record Requests: introduced by Peter Clayton

5.45 Critics' Forum: Under discussion are Brian de Palma's film *The Untouchables*, *New York Art Now* at the Saatchi Collection Gallery, *Mandela* on Channel 4, Nick Darke's play *Ting Tang Mine*, and Kathleen Tynan's book *The Life of Kenneth Tynan*

6.35 A Young Master. Recordings by London Baroque of five pieces by Purcell (Fantasias and In Nomine's)

6.55 Leeds International Piano Competition 1987: Three finalists play a concerto with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra under Simon Rattle. Simultaneous broadcast with BBC2

9.45 The Gossamer Years: The journal of an unknown noblewoman of Heian Japan Translated by Edward Seidensticker. With Catherine Dolan (r)

10.30 Alexander Tcherepnin: Records including chamber music and the second Piano Concerto

11.30 Leeds International Piano Competition 1987: The results

11.35 Music and Sweet Poetry: English madrigals composed by Michael East and performed by Consort of Musicke

11.37 News **12.00** Closedown

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF

5.55 Shipping **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** The Farming Week **6.50** Prayer **6.55** Weather

7.00 Today incl **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25** Sport **7.30, 8.30** News **7.40, 8.47** Papers **7.45** In Perspective **7.55, 8.58** Weather

9.00 News

9.05 Sport on 4 presented by Cliff Morgan

9.30 Breakaway: Simon Bates reports on holidays

10.00 News; Loose Ends: hosted by Ned Sherrin

11.00 News; Talking Politics: Hugo Young reviews the latest political books

11.27 From Our Own Correspondent

12.00 Money Box (new series): Information and discussion about the fast-changing world of finance

12.25 Radio Active: Comedy sketch series which parodies local radio. Guest Kate Robbins (s) **12.55** Weather

1.00 News **1.10** Any Questions? (r)

1.55 Shipping

2.00 News; Second Edition: Gillian Reynolds and guests look at some of the best in Radio 4's magazine programmes

3.00 News; The Afternoon Play: The Kite Flyer by Rose Tremain. With Joe Melia, Rosemary Leach, John Rye and Kenneth Cranham (r) (s)

4.15 The Forgotten Pioneer: Kathleen Frenchman examines the life of the Rev Henry Hunnings, a little known Victorian vicar who played an important part in the development of the telephone. Reader is David Mahlowe (r)

4.30 Science Now: Georgina Ferry looks at the effect of new legislation on animal experiments. Will it impede the progress of science or will unnecessary and cruel experiments continue to be carried out

5.00 The Living World: With Derek Jones and David Nichols in Scilly (r)

5.25 Week Ending: A satirical view of the week's news with Bill Wallis, David Tate, Sally Grace and Jon Glover (r) **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather

6.00 News, incl Sports Round-Up

6.25 Stop the Week: With Robert Robinson. Music by Kit and the Widow (s)

7.00 Saturday-Night Theatre: Mybabymine by Paul Angelis. A romantic comedy about an advertising man with the reputation of being a womanizer. With James Laurenson, Zelah Clarke and Anthony Jackson (s)

8.30 Baker's Dozen: Richard Baker presents words and music on record (s)

9.30 Thriller!: A Fatal Inversion by Ruth Rendell (last part). Read by Lewis Fiander

9.50 Ten to Ten: A reading, a hymn and reflection led by Myra Blythe (s) **9.59** Weather

10.00 News

10.15 The Village: The people of Castle Currock in Cumbria help David Bean to put together a picture of life in their village (6) Mozart and Maggie Baggs

10.30 The Wordsmiths of Gorsemere: A witty spoof story by Sue Limb (last part) With Denise Coffey and Geoffrey Whitehead (s) (r)

11.00 Even Looser Ends: Repeat broadcast of this morning's programme

12.00 News; Weather **12.33** Shipping

VHF as above except: **1.55-2.00pm** Programme News **4.30-6.00** Options: **4.30** Community Matters **5.00** More Than You Can Manage (last of 5) **5.30** Talking of Languages

Regional TV: on facing page

SUNDAY

Timothy West as Harry King, the boss of King Double Glazing Company (Harry's Kingdom: BBC2, 9.05pm)

CHOICE

● The double glazing salesmen grandly call it a seminar but it is really an excuse for a night at a posh hotel, to get drunk and/or bed each other's women. The women, it must be said, are not unanimously averse to the idea, though sexism is revealed in its full male chauvinist colours in the shape of gorgeous, blonde Suzie, who is paid five hundred quid for a two-minute appearance, during which she opens her fur coat to reveal that she is wearing nothing but a fur coat. I do not know whether Ron Pearson, author of **Harry's Kingdom** (BBC2, 9.05pm), has actually been to a double glazing "seminar" but his depiction of it is horribly authentic and grotesquely funny. Not since *Minder* has a writer so deftly captured the lingo of the lower-class wide boy. But if the convention is the big opening set-piece, the rest of *Harry's Kingdom* is equally acute, as in the cold light of dawn the hung-over salesmen get the chop and their peccadillos come home to roost. Harry ("I'm not God, I just think I'm God") is played by the ever-reliable Timothy West, and Peter Vaughan's Sid from Wood Green is a brilliant study of the uncouth.

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BBC1

7.35 Open University. Until 8.50.

8.55 Play School 9.15 Bugs Bunny 9.25 Top Sailing. The story of the struggle to save the 1930s J Class yacht, the *Velsheda* (r).

10.00 Sunday Worship from the harbour at East Looe, Cornwall **11.00 Keep taking the Rose Petals.** A *40 Minutes* documentary on Asian medicine in Britain (r). **11.45 When in Spain.** Part one (r).

12.10 See Hear. Magazine programme for the hard of hearing **12.35 Farming** includes a discussion on the harvest predictions; and a report on farming in Hungary **12.58 Weather.**

1.00 This Week, Next Week. Vivian White talks to Roy Hattersley on the eve of the Labour Party annual conference. **2.00** EastEnders (r). (Ceefax)

3.00 Film: The Wrong Arm of the Law (1962, b/w) starring Peter Sellers. Comedy about a gang leader who calls on the help of the police when an Antipodean gang takes over his patch. Directed by Cliff Owen.

4.30 Finningley 87 International Air Show.

5.05 Our House. American comedy series.

5.55 Vanity Fair. Episode four and Becky is brought to her knees by Sir Pitt Crawley. (Ceefax)

6.25 News and weather.

6.40 Songs of Praise for Harvest Festival introduced by the Duke of Edinburgh. With Roger Royle in Southwell Minster and President Kaunda in Zambia. (Ceefax)

7.15 Three Up, Two Down. Comedy series starring Angela Thorne and Michael Elphick. (Ceefax)

7.45 Howards' Way. Episode four. (Ceefax)

8.35 Bread. Comedy about a Liverpudlian family. (Ceefax)

9.05 Sunday Premiere: Harry's Kingdom. (Ceefax) (see Choice)

10.30 News and weather.

10.45 Heart of the Matter: Courtroom Crusaders. The story of the Christic Institute.

11.20 Seventy Summers. a personal history of a Buckinghamshire farm (r).

11.50 The Sky at Night. Patrick Moore investigates a bursting supernova.

12.10 Network East (r).

12.50 Weather.

BBC2

8.05 Open University.

1.30 Sunday Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **1.30** Sports round-up; **2.30 Motor Racing:** the Spanish Grand Prix from Jerez. **4.30 International Golf: The Ryder Cup.** Coverage of the final 12 singles in the match between the United States and Europe.

8.00 On the House. Home refurbishment series presented by Pattie Coldwell, Harry Greene and Rick Ball. This week, the Pebble Mill house is lit with the latest electrical lighting and switches; Harry Greene helps a couple with re-pointing; a viewer has her bedroom transformed by Roz Coombes; and there is news of a "Bright Sparks" quiz with a prize of £3,000 worth of electrical home improvements.

8.35 The Natural World: Land of the Kiwi. Dramatic aerial photography adds to this documentary tracing the history of New Zealand showing that it has been only during the past 15 years that geologists have been able to piece together the past of the country.

9.25 The Paul Daniels Magic Show with Nick Ross and Sue Cook. The other guests are, from the United States, Wes Harrison "Mr Sound Effects" and from China, the Guang Dong Acrobatic Troupe (r). (Ceefax)

10.05 The Money Programme presented by Brian Widlake and Valerie Singleton. This first of a new series examines the problems of mounting debt in the Third World and asks how much longer can British banks sustain the losses? Brazil's finance minister, Bresser Pereira, and the chairman of Lloyds Bank, Sir Jeremy Morse are interviewed.

10.55 Grand Prix. Highlights of today's Spanish Grand Prix.

11.25 Film: Hit and Run (1982) starring Paul Perri. A made-for-television thriller about the husband of a hit and run victim who discovers the dead body of the man who was the driver of the car that killed his wife. Directed by Charles Braverman. Ends at **1.00.**

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6.00 TV-am: The Open College. The Open Exchange. **6.55** Sunday Comment **7.00** Are You Awake Yet?

8.30 David Frost on Sunday. The guests include Charles Glass and Andrew Neill.

9.25 Wake Up London 9.35 He-Man and the Masters of the Universe (r). **10.00 No 73.** For the young **10.30 The Adventures of Black Beauty** (r).

11.00 Morning Worship from St Laurence's Church, Hallgarth, Pittington, Durham.

12.00 Weekend World. Matthew Parris examines the challenges created for the monarchy by a radical government.

1.00 LWT News headlines followed by Police 5. **1.15 Link.** Is there such a thing as disability arts? **1.30 Care Bears.** Cartoon **2.00 The Human Factor** examines the social services provided by Harlem's Episcopalian Cathedral.

2.30 Snooker. Two more fourth round matches in the Fidelity International.

4.30 Knights of God. Drama serial. (Oracle)

5.00 Bullseye.

5.30 Sunday Sunday. Gloria Hunniford's guests include Warren Mitchell, Sara Brightman and Jeffrey Archer.

6.30 News with David Cass.

6.40 Highway. Sir Harry Secombe visits Faversham.

7.15 Child's Play with Michael Aspel.

7.45 Film: Never Say Never Again (1983) starring Sean Connery as James Bond, in this adventure battling with SPECTRE who are holding the world to ransom. Directed by Irvin Kershner.

10.05 News.

10.20 The New Statesman. Political comedy series

10.50 LWT News headlines followed by **Snooker.** Highlights.

12.30 Mary. Comedy series

1.00 Night Network includes music from the Police and Dexy's Midnight Runners.

3.10 Fun in the Sun.

3.25 Film: Desert Trail (1935, b/w) starring John Wayne as a rodeo rider helping to corral a hold-up gang. Directed by Collin Lewis.

4.25 The Lawless Years. New York during the Prohibition era.

4.50 Baseball '87. National League v the American League. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.25 Movie Mahal (colour and b/w). Part two of the story of the Indian film industry **10.00 Equinox: Dirty Money** (r). **11.00 The Waltons.**

12.00 Network 7 includes an investigation into the Jesus Fellowship and a list of the top ten foods affected by the Chernobyl accident.

2.00 Chips' Comic. Education series for the young (r).

2.30 Film: F.P.1 (1932, b/w) starring Conrad Veidt and Jill Esmond. German science fiction drama about the building of a large air strip in mid-Atlantic. Directed by Karl Hartl.

3.55 Film: Berlin Correspondent (1942, b/w) starring Dana Andrews and Virginia Gilmore. Second World War drama about an American reporter in Berlin whom the Gestapo want to capture through the feminine wiles of a *femme fatale*. Directed by Eugene Forde.

5.15 News summary and weather followed by **The Business Programme.** This first of a new series includes an interview with the new chairman of British Telecom, Ian Vallance.

6.00 American Football. Dallas Cowboys play the New York Giants.

7.15 Battle for the Planet. Jonathon Porritt introduces a film in which American farmer and expert on China, William Hinton, examines once fertile land that is now desert in Nebraska and Inner Mongolia. (Oracle)

8.15 Repons. A video interpretation of a work by Pierre Boulez.

9.00 10 Minute TV: What Happened. A dance work choreographed by David Gordon (r).

9.15 Play: Afternoon Off, by Alan Bennett, starring Henry Man as a shy, Malaysian waiter working in a Harrogate hotel, searching for a girl called Iris who has been recommended to him by a colleague (r). (Oracle)

10.30 Film: Beat the Devil (1953, b/w) starring Humphrey Bogart. Comedy thriller in which an American becomes involved with a gang of eccentric criminals engaged in a massive uranium swindle. With Gina Lollobrigida, Robert Morley and Peter Lorre. Directed by John Huston. Ends at **12.15.**

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half hour until **11.30am** then at **2.30pm, 3.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30** and **12.00** midnight.

6.00am Adrian John **8.00** Peter Powell **10.00** Mike Read **12.30pm** Jimmy Savile's Old Record Club (1983, 1977 and 1971) **2.30** Sunday Live (Andy Kershaw) **3.30** Radio 1 More Time (Mike Read) **4.00** Chartbusters (Bruno Brookes) **5.00** Top 40 (Bruno Brookes) **7.00** Anne Nightingale Request Show **9.00** Robbie Vincent **11.00-12.00** The Ranking Miss P **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2:- **4.00am** As Radio 2 **2.00pm** Benny Green **3.00** Caught in the Act (Marcel Stellman) **4.30** Serenade (Langham Orchestra under Barry Wordsworth) **4.30** Sing Something Simple **5.00** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF
News on the hour (except **8.00pm**)

4.00am Dave Bussey **6.00** Steve Truelove **7.30** Roger Royle **9.05** Melodies For You **11.00** Desmond Carrington **2.00pm** Stuart Hall's Sunday Sport incl Golf: The Ryder Cup, Ohio, Motor Racing: Spanish Grand Prix, Motor Cycling: 500cc World Championships from Brazil **7.00** Random Jottings of Hinge and Bracket **7.30** Ivor **8.30** Sunday Half-Hour (from County Antrim) **9.00** Your Hundred Best Tunes **10.05** Songs from the Shows **10.45** Simon McCheane **11.00** Sounds of Jazz **1.00am** Patrick Lunt **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

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Radio 3

6.35 Open University: Science: The Climate

6.55 Weather **7.00** News

7.05 Mendelssohn: Recording by Murray Perahia (piano) of Sonata in E, Op 6; and by Melos Quartet of Stuttgart of String Quartet in D, Op 44, No 1

8.00 World Service News

8.10 Dennis Brain: Recital by the horn player includes Gilbert Vinter's Hunter's Moon (with BBC Concert Orchestra under Tausky)

9.00 News

9.05 Your Concert Choice: Four little preludes by Bach played by Glenn Gould (piano); Flute Concerto No 4 in D by Frederick the Great by Hans-Martin Linde and the Schola Cantorum Basiliensis under Wenzinger; Copland's Old American Songs (selection) by Columbia SO, conducted by the composer; and Scriabin's Symphony No 2 in C minor by Frankfurt RSO under Eliahu Inbal

10.30 Music Weekly: Presented by Michael Oliver

11.15 Walter Klien: Piano recital of Brahms' Seven Fantasias, Op 116; Three Intermezzi, Op 117 **11.15** Interval Reading

12.00 Schubert's Sonata in B flat (D960) (r)

12.45 From the Festivals, 1987: Berlioz's Grande Messe des Morts (London Philharmonic Choir, London Symphony Chorus and London Symphony Orchestra, with Martyn Hill (tenor) under Louis Frémaux)

2.20 Kodaly String Quartet: Schubert's Quartet in G minor (D173) and Dohnanyi's Quartet No 2 in D flat, Op 15

3.10 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra: Delius's The walk to the Paradise Garden; Kokkonen's Cello Concerto; Sibelius's Valse triste and Grieg's Norwegian dances. Geoffrey Trabichoff conducts

4.10 Barsanti and Vivaldi: Recital by Rachell Beckett (recorder), Anthony Pleeth (cello), Melvyn Tan (harpsichord) and Richard Webb (continuo cello)

4.45 Claire Watson: Tribute to the American soprano who died last year includes recordings by New Philharmonia, under Otto Klemperer, of excerpts from Mozart's Don Giovanni; and by the Chorus and Orchestra of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, of Britten's Glitter of waves

5.30 The Question Why: A documentary appreciation of Professor Sir Ernst Gombrich

6.15 Nash Ensemble: Debussy's Sonata for flute, viola and harp; Ravel's Sonata for violin and cello; Françaix's Quintet for flute, string trio and harp (r)

7.10 Lancaster Gate: Memoirs of Lytton Strachey covering his first years in a cavernous house in Lancaster Gate. Read by Benjamin Whitrow

7.30 Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra: Conducted by James Levine. Includes Symphony No 31 in D (K297) by Mozart Includes **8.10** Interval Reading **8.15** Symphony No 3 in E flat (Rhenish) by Schumann

8.55 Close Pressed Lives: Four Israeli poets read their own work

9.15 The Organists Entertained: Concert from Huddersfield given by the BBC Northern Singers under Stephen Wilkinson with Gillian Weir (organ)

10.30 Mendelssohn and Schoenberg: Northern Sinfonia under Jacek Kasprzyk perform Mendelssohn's Symphony No 1 in C minor and Schoenberg's Verklärte Nacht

11.40 Music and Sweet Poetry: English madrigals by Thomas Vautor performed by the Consort of Musicke (r)

11.57 News **12.00** Closedown

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF

5.55 Shipping **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Prelude (s)

6.30 News; Morning has Broken: incl Bells on Sunday (s) **6.55** Weather

7.00 News **7.10** Sunday Papers

7.15 On Your Farm

7.40 Sunday: Religious news and views with Jill Cochrane and Ted Harrison, incl **7.55** Weather **8.00** News **8.10** Sunday Papers

8.50 The Week's Good Cause: The Rev Donald Reeves talks about London's single homeless people and the Riverpoint Appeal **8.55** Weather

9.00 News **9.10** Sunday Papers

9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke

9.30 Morning Service from Crediton, Devon

10.15 The Archers

11.15 News Stand: Paul Barker surveys Britain's periodicals

11.30 Pick of the Week (s)

12.15 Desert Island Discs: Michael Parkinson's guest is pianist Jacques Loussier (s) **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World This Weekend **1.55** Shipping

2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: From Darley Dale

2.30 Globe Theatre: First of six plays from around the world is The Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams. With Elizabeth Bell, Colin Stinton, Nancy Gair and Stuart Milligan (simultaneous broadcast with World Service)

4.00 News; Call the Midwife: Jane Marshall finds out about a Warwickshire midwife's life

4.30 The Natural History Programme: Fergus Keeling and Lionel Kelleway visit a hedgehog hospital (r)

5.00 News; Down Your Way: Ian McCaskill visits the new Clyde Oil Rig **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather

6.00 News with Clive Roslin

6.15 More Wrestling Than Dancing: David Moreau attempts once more to come to grips with life (4)

6.30 International Assignment

7.00 The Count of Monte Cristo: by Alexandre Dumas. (6) With Andrew Sachs (s)

8.00 A Good Read: Brian Gear with Sandra Boler and Arthur Marshall (r)

8.30 Meera: Actress, comedienne and writer Meera Syal talks about her complicated life

9.00 News; Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing: Derek Wilson presents a tribute to the Wesley family through music and dialogue. (s) **9.59** Weather

10.00 News

10.15 You The Jury: Debate about the Government's proposals for a national curriculum and national testing of our children at school

11.00 Seeds of Faith: Michael Wakelin investigates the common roots of paganism and Christianity

11.15 John Morgan on Health: A reflection by John Morgan on the effect of having, then recovering from, cancer (r)

11.30 Musicke that Goeth With a Whele: In the first of four programmes, Denys Gueroult examines the amazing variety of mechanical musical instruments (s) (r)

12.00 News; Weather **12.33** Shipping

VHF as above except: **7.00-8.00am** Open University **7.00** State and Society **7.20** the Romantic Legacy **7.40** Arts Foundation Course: Revision **1.55-2.00pm** Programme News **4.00-6.00** Options **4.00** Global Village: Future Phone **4.30** Education Matters on the Road: Cambridge **5.30** Angry Decade

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US will scuttle Iranian vessel

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Bahrain. Three Iranian sailors were killed in the attack and two are missing, presumed dead.

The 26 survivors, who were captured by a US Navy boarding party, will be handed over to the Red Crescent Society and then returned to the Iranian authorities today at Seeb airport in Oman.

Mr Weinberger said the decision to destroy the Iranian ship was taken because Tehran had committed "one of the grossest violations" by "putting lethal weapons, mines systems, in international waters"

His visit to the Gulf is regarded as a means of boosting the morale of the 24,000 US servicemen in the region, and of reassuring moderate Arab states of Washington's commitment to defend them against Iran.

The 200 crewmen of the USS Hawes were told by Mr Weinberger that they were carrying out "the most important military duty" by keeping the sea-lanes of the waterway open to merchant traffic.

He is expected to deliver a similarly upbeat message when he meets leaders in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, and Egypt during the coming days.

Surprisingly, there was no comment about the US decision from Tehran's leaders, who traditionally use Friday afternoon prayer meetings to speak out against Washington.

Meanwhile, a military communiqué from Baghdad claimed that Iraqi jets launched a dawn raid on Iranian targets and sank an Iranian tanker off Iran's Gulf coast.

The statement added that all aircraft returned safely to base. The raid was the 24th since Iraq resumed air attacks

● **NEW YORK:** The five big powers yesterday struggled to agree on the next step towards implementing the United Nations call for a ceasefire in the Gulf, as it became clear that deft Iranian diplomacy had helped stave off an arms embargo for the time being (Charles Bremner writes).

The foreign ministers of the US, Britain, France, the Soviet Union and China met Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General, at the end of a week of hectic consultations here.

Both the US and Britain appeared to have softened their demands for an urgent embargo to force Iran to accept a ceasefire after Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, made it clear that Moscow was far from ready for such action, and the Chinese and French also said they were reluctant.

All five powers are determined not to break ranks in their rare joint effort to impose a ceasefire in a regional war.

President Khamenei of Iran and other senior Tehran officials were signalling privately that they might be flexible on their terms for accepting the ceasefire.

Washington struggle, page 5

Watching and waiting in the Welsh hills

Mr Meirion Pritchard, who keeps 4,000 breeding ewes and 2,000 ewe lambs on 1,700 acres of Welsh mountainside near Llanberis, Gwynedd, is still waiting for what he considers proper compensation for the losses and inconvenience he has suffered. So far he has received £1.30 for each animal but, although he is unable to put an exact figure on his loss of earnings, he does not regard this as a realistic figure for the loss of grazing. "We have been unable to move sheep from one pasture to another without them being scanned first", he said. "Then they all have to be marked before we take them to market, and prices have suffered. Our lives have been completely disrupted by all the extra work involved. I am lucky in having three sons working here with me, but some other people have had to pay men overtime to come and help with the work. The ministry people who come here have been very good and helpful, but we want the Government to do something." (Photograph: Philip Dunn)

Farmers to protest over compensation

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Welsh sheep farmers will demonstrate in London on Monday over what they see as Government incompetence in handling their claims for compensation after the Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

The protest takes place while a delegation from the National Farmers' Union meets Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Wales. The demonstrators say the compensation they have received is too little, too late.

A total of some 296,000 sheep on 416 holdings in North Wales are subject to restrictions on movement and slaughter. So far nearly 5,000 claims for compensation have been settled, totalling £2,850,000.

In Cumbria about 175,000 animals on 150 farms are covered by the restrictions, with £1,650,000 paid in compensation. In south-west Scotland restrictions apply to 124,000 sheep on 69 farms, with compensation so far totalling £1,200,000, and this month curbs were introduced in parts of Northern Ireland.

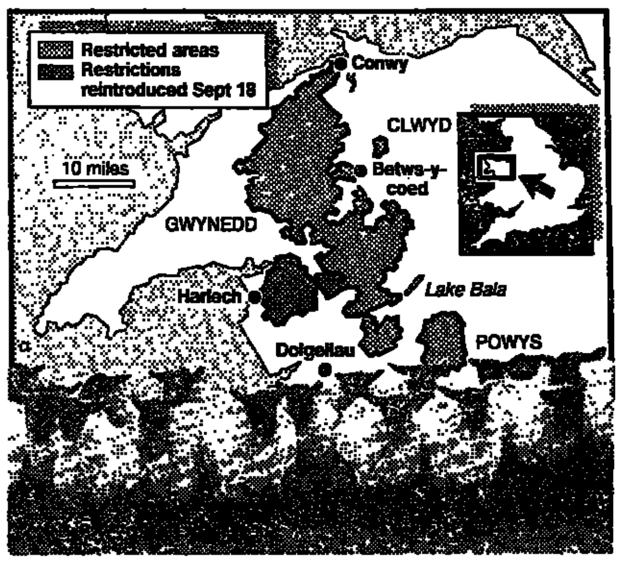
The first restrictions were imposed on June 20 last year, nearly two months after the explosion in the Ukrainian reactor and the arrival over Britain a few days later of a radioactive cloud — or, as the Ministry of Agriculture prefers to call it, a plume.

But the ministry says it was not caught unawares. Routine monitoring of low-level radioactive emissions had been going on before Chernobyl, and the system was geared up to test milk and meat after the explosion.

Almost all the likely effects were predicted with "incredible precision", officials say, including the rapid build-up and disappearance of iodine and caesium in milk samples, which at no time approached danger levels.

The exceptions were the uplands of North Wales, Cumbria and Dumfries and Galloway, where the arrival of the plume coincided with unusually heavy rain on May 2 and 3. These areas consist mostly of thin peaty soils with little mineral content.

The two significant elements in a radioactive discharge are iodine 131, which has a half-life of only nine days and caesium 137, which has a half-life of some 30 years.



In lowland clays, loams and sands, caesium will normally bind itself to other minerals in the soil where it remains inactive, but on peatlands it is quickly absorbed by grass.

Nearly all the soil monitoring in the early post-Chernobyl days was carried out in "mainstream" lowland areas, and it was not for some time that the slow build-up of caesium in some upland areas, and the fact that it was being absorbed by grazing animals, became apparent.

Although levels were well below internationally agreed safety limits, the Government imposed restrictions when the first of last year's new-season lambs would normally be taken to market. They were seen as precautionary, and the expectation was that they would be lifted within months.

Since then the restricted areas have been reduced, live monitoring on farms has replaced laboratory testing of slaughtered carcases, and a complicated colour-coding system has been introduced to link animals to particular pastures.

Ministry officials do not expect to lift all restrictions in Cumbria until 1989 at the earliest. In contrast the Welsh and Scottish offices removed them earlier this year and have since reimposed them, the public relations consequences of which are described as catastrophic.

Power plant may lift caesium level

By Robert Matthews

The nuclear power station at Trawsfynydd in North Wales may be to blame for excess amounts of radioactive caesium detected in people living near the plant, according to a radiation specialist from St Bartholomew's hospital, central London.

In tests carried out on eight people living in the area, Dr Barry Lambert found levels of caesium up to four times higher than those in a comparsion group from Cardiff. The tests also showed that the levels of caesium are increasing.

Farmers who took part in the voluntary tests, commissioned at Cardiff Hospital by the HTV current affairs programme *Wales This Week* are now demanding an investigation into how they were exposed to the materials.

Dr Lambert said yesterday that although the levels were still very low they did give cause for concern. "These results warrant further investigation.Although they only increase the risk of geting cancer by one in a million it is an increased risk."

He said that some of the caesium could be ascribed to the Chernobyl disaster.

"But these people, who live within 10 miles of Trawsfynydd power station are also receiving caesium of a different ratio than that from Chernobyl", he said.

"It could be from Trawsfynydd but we don't know."

The National Radiological Protection Board, the government's radiation watchdog, said: "The findings are not out of line. The levels are very low compared with radiation from nature. It shows people are not being placed at a significant risk."

Dr Lambert was also criticized for publicizing his findings on television. The board said: "It does no one any good blurting these things out on television programmes. They should have been made public in a recognized medical journal."

CND said it was pleased the tests had been carried out but added: "It has taken yet another TV documentary to expose this evidence of possible radioactive pollution from nuclear power stations.

"How much more is needed to jog the government from its complacency?"

Unionist leaders escape sentence

An immediate escalation of Ulster Unionist protests against the Anglo-Irish agreement was avoided yesterday when a magistrate took no action against party leaders who unlawfuly took part in a procession.

Mr Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, and Mr Peter Robinson, his deputy, were among six men who admitted taking part in a midnight march through Cookstown in April, of which the police had not been forewarned. Mr Robinson appeared within hours of being released from a three-day prison sentence for refusal to pay a fine.

Cookstown Magistrates Court was told the defendants broke the law because they believed it was a product of the Anglo-Irish agreement

The law requires seven days advance notice to the police of marches and demonstrations.

Adjourning the charges indefinitely, the Resident Magistrate Mr Robert Porter, warned the six that if they broke the law again in a similar manner, he would consider imposing the maximum sentence.

The court was told that the march was peaceful and there were no arrests.The 500-yard procession lasted ten minutes. A solicitor for the defendants said it was a spontaneous action which followed a DUP meeting in the town. Mr Porter accepted that the protest was spontaneous but said it was clearly meant to flout the law and challenge the authorities.

Officials sentenced for bribery

A Central Criminal Court judge changed his mind yesterday about deferring sentence on two corrupt Civil Servants.

Judge Kenneth Machin had said on Monday that he would jail the men or give them suspended sentences, depending on whether they gave evidence for the prosecution in future corruption trials.

But yesterday he said Frederick Stickley, aged 56, and Maurice Hearn, aged 67, would have had to wait too long.

"Therefore I propose to sentence you both now", he said.

Stickley, of Old Meldrum Road, Aberdeen, was sentenced to 12 months, suspended for two years, and ordered to pay £1,000 costs. Hearn, of Mount Park Road, Eastcote, Middlesex, was sentenced to nine months, suspended for two years, with £4,000 costs.

Both men admitted specimen charges of corruption, involving bribery, while officials of the Property Services Agency, which maintains public buildings, including palaces.

Sixteen men are awaiting trial on similar charges.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,472

ACROSS
1 Lots of money in this sort of business (6).
5 Explorer telling a Canterbury Tale (8).
9 Medal one fastens on a fair girl (10).
10 Forget to leave out? (4).
11 So travel can develop muscles (8).
12 Payment for story about a horse (6).
13 Give away business? (4).
15 Speculative concept by a pupil (8).
18 Curb worker with belt (8).
19 One needing a hand at table (4).
21 In the main a casual funding (6).
23 Upright way in to office (8).
25 Support for bridge expert (4).
26 One adept at dealing with overhead charges (3,7).
27 Forces locks, given a second's start (8).
28 English landowner producing fuel (6).

DOWN
2 Snooze — head drops: rest could be a tonic (5).
3 Made off with a library book? (9).
4 Primrose worth two in a pot (6).
5 Vital statistics? (5,3,7).
6 The perfect role in Sheridan (8).
7 Knight won king — all up! Understood (5).
8 Mica, a barometer component obviously (9).
14 Rashly butting (9).
16 Exaggerate what delivery men sometimes do (9).
17 Possibly one last pun in celebration (8).
20 Achievement of one in eight (6).
22 Earth moving chore (5).
24 Gay girl in a punch-up? (5).

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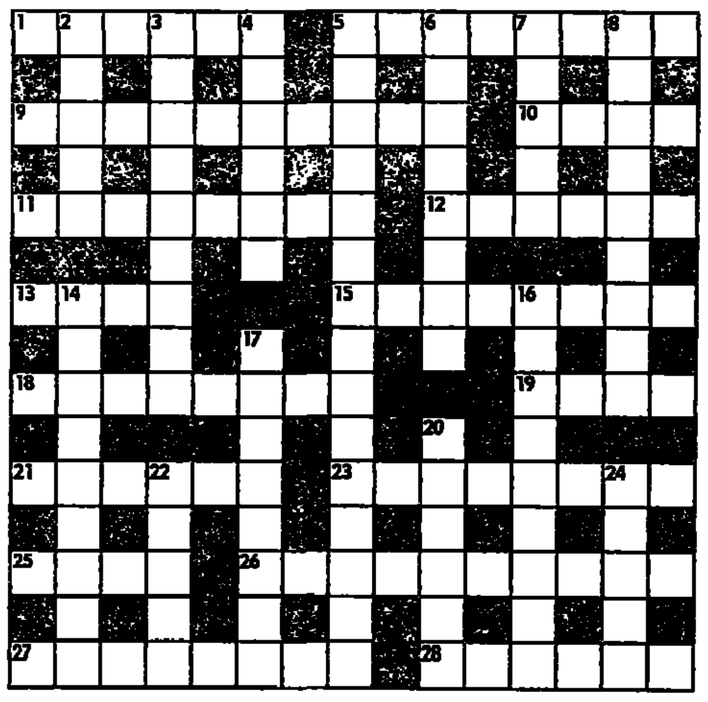

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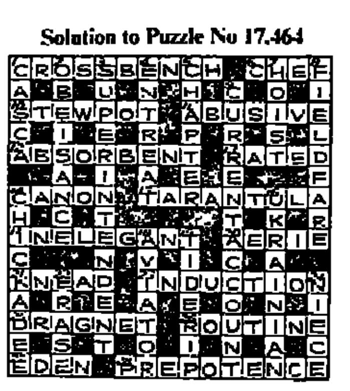

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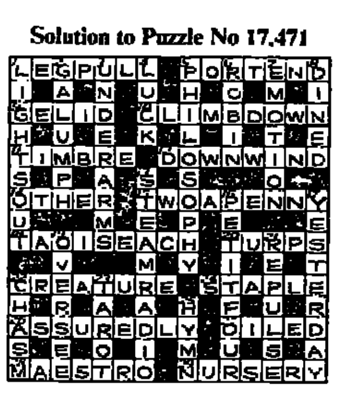

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WEATHER

The remnants of the past few days' showers will still affect eastern areas. The rest of Britain be mostly dry with good sunny periods after any early mist or fog. But temperatures will be below normal, especially cold on some exposed northern and eastern coasts. Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Settled everywhere with widespread overnight ground frost and morning mist and fog patches.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	27	81	Madrid	c	19	66
Algiers	s	36	97	Majorca	s	29	84
Amst'dm	f	14	57	Malaga	f	25	77
Athens	s	27	81	Malta	s	32	90
Bahrain	s	37	99	Melb'rne	f	27	81
Barbads*	f	29	84	Mexico C*	f	21	70
Barcelna	s	26	79	Montreal*	s	15	59
Belgrade	c	21	70	Moscow	s	17	63
Berlin	th	13	55	Munich	f	17	63
Borde'x	f	25	77	N Delhi	s	36	97
Brussels	s	15	59	N York*	c	23	73
Budapst	c	17	63	Nice	s	25	77
B Aires*	s	24	75	Oslo	s	12	54
Cairo	s	30	86	Paris	f	15	59
Cape Tn	f	16	61	Perth	c	19	66
Ch'church	s	13	55	Prague	f	15	59
Cologne	f	17	63	Reykjvik	c	8	46
C'phagn	f	11	52	Riyadh	s	41	106
Corfu	s	28	82	Rome	s	28	82
Dublin	c	12	54	Salzburg	f	18	64
Dubrovnik	f	25	77	S F'risco*	f	17	63
Faro	c	24	75	Santiago*	f	19	66
Florence	f	28	82	Sing'por	s	32	90
Frankfurt	f	15	59	St'kholm	c	11	52
Funchal	r	25	77	Strasb'rg	f	17	63
Geneva	r	15	59	Sydney	s	25	77
Gibraltar	f	26	79	Tangier	f	26	79
Helsinki	r	8	46	Tenerife	s	27	81
Hong K	c	29	84	Tokyo	f	26	79
Innsbrck	s	19	66	Toronto*	s	15	59
Istanbul	s	22	72	Tunis	f	33	91
Jeddah	s	35	95	Valencia	s	29	84
Jo'burg*	s	20	68	Vienna	f	20	68
Karachi	s	32	90	Warsaw	f	15	59
L Palmas	f	27	81	Wash'ton*	s	24	75
Locarno	f	20	68	Wel'nton	f	11	52
L Angels*	s	24	75	Zurich	c	17	63

* denotes Thursday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	7.4	-	15	59	shower
Bridlington	7.0	-	15	59	sunny
Cromer	7.8	-	15	59	sunny
Lowestoft	7.1	-	15	59	sunny
Clacton	9.9	-	16	61	sunny
Folkestone	10.1	-	17	63	sunny
Hastings	9.6	-	17	63	sunny
Brighton	9.5	-	16	61	sunny
Worthing	9.1	-	16	61	sunny
Littehmptn	7.4	-	18	64	sunny
Bognor R	10.4	-	17	63	sunny
Southsea	7.6	-	17	63	sunny
Bournemth	7.9	-	17	63	sunny
Poole	8.5	-	17	63	sunny
Swanage	6.0	-	17	63	sunny
Weymouth	10.0	-	17	63	sunny
Exmouth	6.1	-	15	59	sunny
Torquay	6.1	-	16	61	bright
Falmouth	8.4	-	16	61	sunny
Scilly Isles	6.8	.02	16	61	shower
Guernsey	9.0	-	19	66	sunny
Newquay	9.7	-	18	64	sunny
Ilfracombe	*	-	15	59	sunny
Minehead	9.3	.05	15	59	sunny
B'pool Arpt	7.3	.09	14	57	hail
Morecambe	5.1	.04	12	54	bright
B'ham Airpt	7.7	-	15	59	sunny
Bristol (Ctrl)	7.6	-	16	61	sunny
Carlisle	7.6	.10	13	55	shower
London	6.8	-	17	63	sunny
Manchester	7.7	.10	13	55	shower
N'ctl-n-Tyne	8.9	.09	14	57	shower
Nottingham	6.5	-	13	55	sunny
Cardiff (Ctrl)	7.7	-	14	57	sunny
Tenby	8.6	-	14	57	sunny
Eskdalemuir	6.2	.04	12	54	shower
Glasgow	7.5	-	13	55	sunny
Lerwick	2.8	.22	11	52	shower

*Figures not available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.27	7.1	4.36	7.1	London Bridge	4.59	7.0	5.09	7.0
Aberdeen	3.33	4.3	4.04	4.0	Aberdeen	4.08	4.2	4.38	4.0
Avonmouth	9.50	12.8	10.03	12.9	Avonmouth	10.21	12.5	10.36	12.4
Belfast	1.18	3.4	1.35	3.2	Belfast	1.56	3.4	2.13	3.2
Cardiff	9.35	11.8	9.48	11.9	Cardiff	10.06	11.5	10.21	11.4
Devonport	8.19	5.4	8.27	5.4	Devonport	8.42	5.2	8.49	5.2
Dover	1.12	6.5	1.29	6.6	Dover	1.45	6.4	1.57	6.5
Falmouth	7.49	5.2	7.57	5.2	Falmouth	8.12	5.0	8.19	5.0
Glasgow	3.07	4.7	3.38	4.3	Glasgow	3.39	4.8	4.09	4.5
Harwich	2.24	4.0	2.34	4.0	Harwich	2.57	4.0	3.08	4.0
Holyhead	12.33	5.6	12.53	5.4	Holyhead	1.07	5.5	1.29	5.3
Hull	8.49	7.3	9.12	7.1	Hull	9.22	7.1	9.44	6.9
Ilfracombe	8.34	9.0	8.47	9.0	Ilfracombe	9.05	8.8	9.20	8.7
Leith	5.02	5.5	5.27	5.3	Leith	5.39	5.4	6.05	5.2
Liverpool	1.34	9.4	1.52	9.2	Liverpool	2.04	9.2	2.24	9.0
Lowestoft	12.02	2.3	12.02	2.6	Lowestoft	12.33	2.3	12.39	2.5
Margate	2.26	4.7	2.28	4.8	Margate	2.57	4.7	2.59	4.8
Milford Haven	8.48	6.9	9.01	6.9	Milford Haven	9.19	6.7	9.34	6.7
Newquay	7.37	6.9	7.52	6.9	Newquay	8.10	6.7	8.26	6.7
Oban	8.16	4.0	8.19	4.0	Oban	8.43	3.8	8.51	3.8
Penzance	7.19	5.5	7.28	5.5	Penzance	7.44	5.3	7.51	5.3
Portland	9.44	2.2	9.55	2.2	Portland	10.12	2.1	10.25	2.0
Portsmouth	1.49	4.5	2.13	4.6	Portsmouth	2.27	4.5	2.50	4.5
Shoreham	1.28	6.1	1.48	6.2	Shoreham	2.02	6.0	2.19	6.1
Southampton	1.10	4.5	1.30	4.6	Southampton	1.42	4.4	2.03	4.5
Swansea	8.49	9.4	9.04	9.4	Swansea	9.20	9.2	9.37	9.1
Tees	6.01	5.4	6.25	5.3	Tees	6.36	5.3	7.00	5.1
W'ton-on-Nze	2.17	4.3	2.27	4.3	W'ton-on-Nze	2.49	4.2	2.59	4.2

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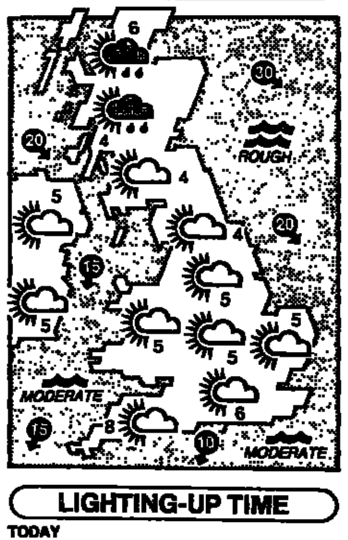

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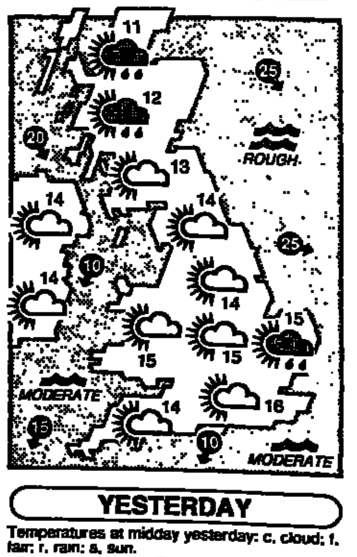


LIGHTING-UP TIME

TODAY
London 7.21 pm to 6.24 am
Bristol 7.31 pm to 6.33 am
Edinburgh 7.33 pm to 6.37 am
Manchester 7.29 pm to 6.32 am
Penzance 7.43 pm to 6.45 am
TOMORROW
London 7.19 pm to 6.25 am
Bristol 7.29 pm to 6.35 am
Edinburgh 7.30 pm to 6.39 am
Manchester 7.27 pm to 6.34 am
Penzance 7.41 pm to 6.47 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	11	52	Guernsey	f	15	59
B'rmghem	f	13	55	Inverness	c	9	48
Blackpool	s	13	55	Jersey	s	17	63
Bristol	s	15	59	London	f	16	61
Cardiff	f	15	59	M'nchster	f	13	55
Edinburgh	f	11	52	Newcastle	f	13	55
Glasgow	f	12	54	R'nldsway	f	12	54

MANCHESTER

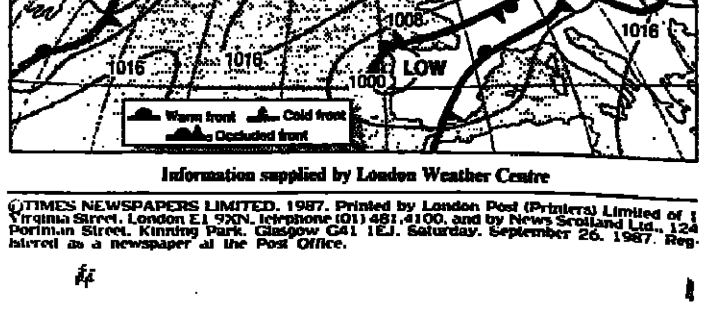
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 13C (55F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 7C (45F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.102 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 7.7 hr.

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 17C (63F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 9C (48F). Humidity: 6 pm, 54 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 6.8 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1007.2 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

TODAY	Sun rises:	Sun sets:	TOMORROW	Sun rises:	Sun sets:
	6.52 am	6.51 pm		6.54 am	6.49 pm
	Moon rises:	Moon sets:		Moon rises:	Moon sets:
	10.55 am	7.40 pm		12.20 pm	8.03 pm
First quarter September 30			First quarter September 30		

NOON TODAY



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73.0 (+0.1)

Yugoslavs seek debt deferment

Yugoslavia asked Western banks yesterday for a halt in principal repayments on its $20 billion (£12.2 billion) foreign debt and Western diplomats said it is likely that a three-year pause will be requested.

The Belgrade government wants a standstill until a long-term debt restructuring is completed and asked to start talks on the subject in October or November, said Mr Slobodan Stanojevic, the deputy governor of the National Bank.

Liberty's up to £2.2 million

The return of foreign tourists to Liberty's Regent Street department store was a contributor to the sharp rise in pretax profit from £417,000 to £2.2 million in the six months to end-June. The interim dividend was increased from 1.8p to 2.6p.

Flat profits

Property disposals helped Boddington Group, the Manchester based brewer, increase its interim profits to July 4, from £5.8 million to £6.1 million. Turnover remained level at £43.7 million. An unchanged interim dividend of 1.47p was declared.

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Pru Herts buy

The Prudential Corporation is increasing its estate agency network with the acquisition of Collinsons, a Hertfordshire estate agency with offices in St Albans and Harpenden.

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New York	
Dow Jones	2557.77 (–8.65)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	25095.86 (+150.98)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	3840.11 (+71.69)
Amsterdam: Gen	308.3 (+0.2)
Sydney: AO	2282.8 (+5.0)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1959.2 (–5.3)
Brussels:	
General	5146.4 (–8.3)
Paris: CAC	419.0 (–4.9)
Zurich: SKA Gen	613.7 (+1.3)
London:	
FT.–A All-Share	1195.42 (+13.78)
FT.– "500"	1308.84 (+15.89)
FT. Gold Mines	467.1 (+10.4)
FT. Fixed interest	91.64 (–0.08)
FT. Govt Secs	85.45 (+0.06)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Beecham	585p (+10p)
BPB Inds.	350p (+10p)
RMC	495p (+11p)
Renishaw	275p (+12p)
Britannia Secs	238p (+10p)
Kennedy Brookes	444p (+21p)
Brent Walker	369p (+11p)
Carlton Comm	905p (+17p)
Reed Int.	569p (+17p)
Next	375p (+10p)
Wellcome	566p (+29p)
Rank Org.	715p (+16p)
Trafalgar House	406p (+21p)
Bank of Scotland	612p (+14p)
Equity & Law	428p (+14p)
Legal & General	357p (+10p)
Cons. Gold	1428p (+23p)
FALLS:	
Polypipe	396p (–17p)
TV-AM	351p (–17p)

Prices are as at 4pm

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10%
3-month Interbank 10 9/16-10¼%
3-month eligible bills: 9⅞-9 25/32%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8¾%
Federal Funds 7¼%*
3-month Treasury Bills 6.50-6.49%*
30-year bonds 92 9/32-92⅜*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6420	£: $1.6430*
£: DM2.9893	$: DM1.8202*
£: SwFr2.4811	$: SwFr1.5110*
£: FFr9.9710	$: FFr6.0685*
£: Yen235.87	$: Yen143.57*
£: Index:73.0	$: Index:101.2
ECU £0.696255	SDR £0.788521

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $461.00 pm-$461.80
close $461.75-462.25 (£281.25-281.75)
New York:
Comex $461.10-461.70*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Nov) pm $18.50bbl ($18.61)
* Denotes latest trading price

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City expects premium of 25 per cent on partly-paid share price

BP forecasts £1.5bn profit

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

BP, Britain's largest company and the world's third-largest oil group, yesterday said the millions of small investors being offered shares should see group profits in the present year of almost £1.5 billion and a final dividend per share of 11p.

The figures revealed yesterday by Mr Michael Richardson, managing director of NM Rothschild, the Government's adviser to the issue, and BP's deputy chairman, Mr Peter Cazalet, are in line with analysts' expectations. They confirm that the company is on a strong rising profit trend which should last to the end of next year. It is virtually certain that the 32 per cent of the company's shares on offer will sell out, with half earmarked for the new breed of investor created through the Government's privatization programme and the remainder for large institutions and foreign buyers.

The price of the shares on offer will be announced on October 15 and the full prospectus, to be published in the Press five days later, will be available at post offices, banks and BP filling stations. Would-be investors who have by then registered an interest in the shares and will thus be guaranteed a share allocation, will be sent a prospectus and application form.

A minimum investment of £250 has been set and buyers will be able to pay for their shares in three instalments — the first on application, the second next August and the final payment in April 1989. However, investors will be eligible for full dividend payments as soon as they become shareholders and will also qualify for up to 150 free loyalty bonus shares if they hold their investment for three years.

The small investor will be able to apply for shares from October 22 until close of business on Tuesday, October 27 for applications handed into branches of National Westminster Bank, the Bank of Scotland and Ulster Bank. The offer closes at 10am the next day.

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In contrast to other privatization issues where investors were allocated only a small number of shares, the Government is determined that "meaningful" amounts be allotted this time. These allocations will be announced on October 30 and trading will start at 2.30pm that day.

The City expects the shares to trade at a premium of between 25 and 30 per cent, but the Treasury is confident that small investors will not take a quick profit but will take advantage of the expected dividend payments and the loyalty bonus of one share for each 10 bought and held for three years.

Mr Norman Lamont, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said yesterday: "This is the fourth and last government sale of BP shares. It is an historic event for the Government and BP — the Government will not only be giving up its shareholding but also its special powers over the company.

"The sale will be a significant achievement in its own right. It will also be a major step in the Government's programme of selling shareholdings in private-sector companies.

"We are using this opportunity to make it easier for ordinary members of the public to buy shares and participate in the fortunes of the company.

"Eight years ago only 7 per cent of adults owned shares. Today, something like 20 per cent of adults own shares.

Although the Government expects most investors to hold on to the shares, it has made special arrangements for those who want to sell them quickly and take any profit.

The Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society, Hoare Govett and Wood Mackenzie, the two brokers handling the shares for the Government, and the network of regional advisers, have agreed, until April 1989, to charge a maximum fee of £15 on transactions worth up to £600 and £20 on deals involving between £600 and £1,200. Any share sales above that level will be subject to normal commission fees.

John Manning

Global view: Michael Richardson, Norman Lamont and Peter Cazalet yesterday

Countdown for investors

Timetable for the BP share sale over the next few weeks:-

Thursday, October 15: impact day — the fixed offer price announced.

Tuesday, October 20: prospectus published in the national Press, available from banks and post offices and mailed to investors who have registered an interest with the BP Share Information Office.

Tuesday, October 27: applications to be handed in by close of business at branches of National Westminster Bank, the Bank of Scotland and Ulster Bank.

Wednesday, October 28: offer officially closes at 10am for all postal applications.

Friday, October 30: expected announcement of the basis of allocation and the determined price under the international offer to institutions. Dealings in the partly-paid shares expected to start at 2.30pm.

Guinness Peat: Maxwell holds fire

By Colin Narbrough

Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher, yesterday drew back from the bid fray over the Guinness Peat group, announcing that he would only take his stake up to 15 per cent for the time being.

But he was not clearing the field for Equiticorp, the New Zealand financial services group, which has made a final offer of 115p for Peat.

Mr Maxwell, with about 11.5 per cent of Peat, said he would not continue discussions with Peat and did not "currently" intend to make an offer for the company. But he made clear that he continued to view Peat with optimism and remained interested in its future.

Equiticorp said it was delighted with Mr Maxwell's announcement, which removed the last vestige of uncertainty. It picked up a further 4.8 million Peat shares yesterday, giving it 43.25 per cent. Equiticorp has said it would be happy with a holding giving it unambiguous control.

Mr Maxwell, who earlier said he would require the backing of the banking authorities before making a bid for Peat, said he appreciated the duties of the Bank of England under the new Banking Act which comes into force next Thursday.

This obliges the authorities to go through lengthy procedures before they can approve anybody holding a stake of more than 15 per cent in a deposit-taking institution.

Mr Maxwell said it would be wrong to take advantage of the few days left before the Act comes into force and seek to acquire more than 15 per cent.

Any offer made could not, furthermore, have been declared unconditional prior to official clearance. This would have confused matters even further, he said.

Asked whether he might return to the bid battle after October 1, he said there was no reason why he should not.

Mr Maxwell said he had made no formal application to be allowed to take over Peat, but saw no grounds not to make one.

● Mr Maxwell, chairman of British Printing & Communication Corporation, yesterday said the company's name would be changed to Maxwell Communication Corporation.

"The company's title, the British Printing & Communication Corporation, proud though it is, suggests to many overseas customers and potential investors that company is, like British Rail, British Steel or British Coal, some kind of nationalized industry," Mr Maxwell said in a letter to shareholders.

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Equity accepts £435m offer

By Michael Tate

Equity & Law, one of Britain's most venerable insurance companies, yesterday agreed to accept an increased £435 million takeover offer from France's biggest financial services group, Compagnie du Midi.

The offer comfortably tops the £367 million bid launched by Mr Ron Brierley's Brierley Investments earlier this month and is expected to represent a knock-out blow to the New Zealander.

Mr Brierley owns 29.6 per cent of Equity & Law. His advisers said he had until Friday to decide his next move. Should he concede, it would be his third significant defeat in the British takeover arena, having failed to win Ocean Transport & Trading with a £300 million bid last year and having recently seen his £94 million bid for Molins beaten off.

His consolation, however, would be in the £41.7 million profit his acceptance of the French bid would yield.

Midi's first offer of £403 million, launched a week after the BIL bid, was rejected by Equity & Law. It is offering Equity & Law shareholders a choice. They can either take 435p a share in cash or a mixture of Midi shares and cash worth at worst 446p a share. The actual terms are nine Midi shares and £3,214.65 in cash for every 1,000 Equity & Law shares.

Pagezy: 'a common view'

Sir Douglas Wass, Equity & Law chairman, said: "We are very pleased to have reached this agreement. I am confident that the opportunities for the expansion of the business of Equity & Law will be enhanced within the enlarged group."

M Bernard Pagezy, Midi president, said: "There is clearly a common view about the oportunities which will be available to Equity & Law through the strategy of Compagnie du Midi to create a major European insurance group."

Midi wants Equity & Law as its life assurance flagship in a European insurance market expected to see a flurry of mergers in the next few years as opportunities open up in the pensions industry.

Sir Douglas and Mr Christopher Brocksom would continue to run Equity & Law as chairman and chief executive respectively. Midi has consistently stressed its high regard for the expertise of the British life assurance industry.

Elders' profits up 120%

From Richard Battley, Sydney

Elders IXL, close to floating its main division internationally, yesterday exceeded market expectations with a 120 per cent boost in profits to Aus$400 million (£175.3 million) for the year to June 30.

It is now Australia's second biggest profit earner, after Broken Hill Proprietary.

Mr John Elliott, chief executive, refused to disclose the contributions from various divisions before the annual report was published but forecast "substantial improvements in the next 12 months from the brewing division".

A 12-month gestation period, he noted, was necessary before acquisitions, such as Britain's Courage group or Canada's Carling O'Keefe (acquired during the year for Aus$3.47 billion and Aus$413 million respectively), provided significant returns.

The brewing division was "well on the way to 'Fosterizing' the world". Elders' market share in the United Kingdom was 9 per cent, with Foster's, its main lager, being sold in 11,000 pubs. This made it the most widely-distributed lager in Britain.

The foreshadowed float of the Courage pubs would be effected on November 6. This would raise £800 million and would clear Elders' debts.

Elders Resources, a key element in the announced Hong Kong float of Elders Investments, performed well.

An Aus10 cent dividend was declared, equivalent to 11.4 cents per share, adjusted for the April one-for-seven bonus issue. The full payout was 17.9 cents (15.75 cents).

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G-7 nations meet on exchange rates

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Ministers of the Group of Seven nations are expected to meet privately in Washington today to review their accord on exchange rates and to consider recent economic developments which have unsettled the financial markets.

Reports that the Bank of Japan had decided to push up short-term interest rates by tightening monetary policy and that President Reagan might veto the recently enacted US deficit-reduction law are certain to be priority issues on the agenda, according to a US Treasury official.

The meeting of finance ministers and central bankers of the United States, Britain, West Germany, Japan, France, Italy and Canada is the first since the Venice economic summit in June.

In numerous background briefings, officials have predicted that the G-7 will reaffirm the Louvre accord which established informal reference zones for the dollar against the yen and the West German mark.

The accord, backed by central bank intervention estimated at more than $70 billion, has brought relative stability to exchange rates since it was agreed on last February.

US officials said they were deeply disappointed by the slow rate of growth in West Germany estimated to be in a range of under 1.5 per cent to no more than 2 per cent.

● West German ministers made it clear yesterday that the Bonn government would resist American and British demands for additional reflation at this weekend's meetings of leading finance ministers in Washington.

Speaking in Tokyo yesterday, Herr Martin Bangemann, the Economics Minister, maintained that the West German economy would grow by 2 per cent this year.

Norwegians to raise TR trust stake

By Alison Eadie

Platou, an unlisted Norwegian investment company, has made a partial offer for TR Natural Resources Trust, an investment trust in the Touche Remnant management stable. Platou already owns 28.8 per cent of TRNR and wishes to raise its shareholding to between 50 and 54 per cent.

It stresses it is happy with the performance of the trust, which has shown an increase in net asset value of 38 per cent since October last year. It wants the trust to keep its stock market listing and continue to be managed by Touche Remnant.

The offer is either cash worth 94 per cent of asset value or Platou shares worth 95 per cent of asset value. Platou estimates its cash offer is worth 105p a share, valuing the trust at £130 million.

Platou shares have been valued at £271.30 each by Fondsfinans, a leading member of the Oslo stock exchange. Mr Truls Persen of Platou said he hoped the shares would be attractive to long-term institutional holders who wanted exposure to the Norwegian market. County NatWest Securities, adviser to Platou, will match bargains in Platou shares to ensure their marketability.

Platou is the second-largest investment company in Norway with stakes in brewing, financial services, maritime services, shipping and real estate.

Mr Persen said his offer was more attractive than unitization or liquidation, because Platou would carry the costs

The directors of TRNR said they were considering the offer.

Investors look to North America's gold mines

The only dead cert in the desert

From Colin Campbell, Elko, Nevada

There are two distinct sounds which even the hard of hearing would find difficult to ignore in the state of Nevada: the clink of one-man slot machines competing against the purr of roulette wheels — and the thud of drilling rigs and heavy, earth-moving equipment at work in the open-pit mines in their search for gold.

Wheels turn and drills dig 24 hours a day here with the same objective in mind — to make money, and lots of it. But while the gaming tables undoubtedly rely on Lady Luck and may lead to isolated fortunes, the real money is in gold mining.

The gold fields were discovered in the 1880s, but with today's modern mining methods and expertise, and with the scene rapidly turning from individual and small deposits into large and financially-solid consolidated units, the excitement is about to begin.

Shares of North American mining companies with extensive and growing exploration rights and ground in this area are attracting wide investment attention — not only from North American investors (who have long left the South African market and still find Australian gold mines too small) but from a growing band of British and Continental investors as well.

Newmont Mining Corporation, capturing the headlines in the wake of Mr T Boone Pickens' stalking game, is an extensive land-holder in the Carlin area of Nevada, which could be America's answer to South Africa's Witwatersrand and Western Australia's golden mile at Kalgoorie.

With a world gold price of $460 and cash operating costs in the $200-an-ounce region, gold in an uncertain mining world remains the one sure metal where money can be made.

Given the pace of development, Mr Graham Birth, mining analyst at the broker Kleinwort Grieveson Securities, says: "Quite simply, Nevada is the place to be at the moment and it is attracting the very best people and companies in the industry."

The US is the world's third-largest gold producer (after South Africa and the Soviet Union) and has pushed Canada into fourth place.

The Toronto-registered American Barrick Resources this week walked, flew and drove North American and British analysts over some of its Nevada and Utah properties, and the verdict on an investment view must be positive.

The group, started only three years ago, has a market capitalization of more than $1.3 billion (£797 million) and was ambitious enough last year to start a serious attempt to buy Consolidated Gold Fields.

Had time been on its side and running stock market prices not made assembly of the final financing package somewhat difficult, American Barrick may well have gone beyond its 4.99 per cent stake. It did, however, make a handsome $6.8 million profit.

The company has six operating gold mines (one appropriately called Goldstrike, bought in January and a deposit with particular promise); a seventh developing mine up its sleeve; and sufficient cash.

It raised Can$116 million (£53.2 million) this week — half in Europe, half in Canada — to swell its cash balance to Can$300 million and will, over the next three years, spend as much as US$200 million in the Goldstrike area alone.

Few would deny that American Barrick has suffered from a credibility gap but the strategy of Mr Peter Munk, chairman and chief executive, is clear — accelerated growth through the acquisition of gold mines and continued development of existing properties.

The company has a strong and experienced mining team on the ground and gold production has increased strongly from 186,000 ounces in 1986 to 240,000 ounces this year. This is targetted to rise to 425,000 ounces in 1989 and 750,000 ounces by the 1990s.

Given the prospect of a strong and fast-rising earning flow, American Barrick may start to pay dividends this year. A full London stock exchange listing must also be in the wings.

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UK Growth	+289.7	6th.... 100
European	+228.9	1st 22
Income & Growth	+200.7	3rd 76
Worldwide Recovery	+180.1	4th..... 81
Pacific	+162.0	6th..... 32
Practical	+133.3	1st 5
International	+130.7	13th ... 81
Japan	+119.8	25th ... 36
High Income	+106.7	10th ... 13
American	+53.4	23rd ... 64

Figures three years to 1987 *Source Opal offer to bid net income reinvested

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

Go-ahead for Hanson and Pilkington bids

Hanson Trust, the industrial conglomerate, yesterday opened its $1.6 billion (£982 million) tender offer for the American group, Kidde, whose products range from cooking pots to jacuzzis, after the Department of Trade and Industry decided not to refer it to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The Department also decided no referral was needed on the $574 million (£352 million) agreed bid by Pilkington, the glassmaker, for the Vision Care subsidiary of Revlon, the American cosmetics group.

Whitecroft in £6.1m buy

Whitecroft, the textiles and building supplies company, is paying £6.1 million for Lightning Windows, which sells aluminium replacement windows and doors direct to householders throughout the West Midlands. It made pretax profits last year of £770,000 on turnover of £4.6 million.

Triplex Lloyd spends £1.6m

Triplex Lloyd, the newly-merged foundry, building components and engineering group, is paying £1.6 million for Atlas Architectural Fittings and Verona Hardware, both of them building components companies, and New Atomic Brazing, a specialist heat treatment company.

John Fairfax buys Ms

***Ms*, the world's best-known feminist magazine, is being sold to Australia's John Fairfax Ltd, based in Sydney. The purchase marks the Australian media group's entry into the United States and will inject new money into *Ms*, enabling the 15-year-old magazine to expand.**

"We see this as a real business opportunity. With sufficient investment *Ms* magazine can grow," Ms Sandra Yates, president of John Fairfax (US) Ltd said. She refused to disclose the financial terms of the deal. Fairfax plans to change the appearance of *Ms* and make a a bid for more advertisers. "The magazine needs to be repositioned in advertisers' minds," she said.

Pineapple has new horizons

Pineapple Group, the USM-quoted dance studio now doing a quick-step into marketing and promotion, raised pretax profits by 220 per cent last year to £1.25 million. Miss Debbie Moore, right, the chairman, says she wants to turn Pineapple into an international marketing company.

New Tranwood chief

Mr Robin Stormonth-Darling, former deputy-chairman of the Takeover Panel, has moved into the chair at Tranwood Group, the fledgeling investment bank and industrial concern put together by Mr Nick Oppenheim and Mr Peter Earl.

Mr Oppenheim, who relinquishes the chairmanship to make way for Mr Stormonth-Darling, becomes joint executive deputy-chairman together with Mr Earl. The appointment of Mr Stormonth-Darling is a considerable coup for Tranwood as it attempts to raise its City credibility, and follows last month's acquisition of a 6 per cent shareholding in the company by SASEA, the large Swiss financial services group.

STOCK MARKET

Maxwell 'has about 2.5%' of Midland Bank's shares

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

It now looks as though Mr Robert Maxwell, the newspaper publisher, is the mystery buyer who has been stalking the shares of the beleaguered **Midland Bank** during the past few weeks.

Sources close to Midland claim that he now speaks for about 10 million shares, about 2.5 per cent of the issued share capital, after several purchases in the marketplace worth about £55 million.

Mr Maxwell is said to have picked up a line of 7.5 million shares from Smith New Court, the securities house, earlier this month. This was part of a line of 10 million shares bought by Smith from Midland's broker, Cazenove, forming the rump of the bank's recent £715 million rights issue.

Earlier this week, Mr Maxwell is said to have increased his stake in Midland by snapping up another line of 2.5 million shares at 541p. The publisher has achieved his stake-building under the glare of publicity which has surrounded Lord Hanson's decision to acquire 25 million shares (6.2 per cent) in the bank.

But a spokesman for Midland said: "I have no information as to who the buyer would be."

Midland has been the target of intense bid speculation in recent weeks and earlier this month was the target of an informal bid approach from Saatchi & Saatchi, the world's biggest advertising agency.

Midland ended the day 3p dearer at 553p as 1.6 million shares changed hands.

The rest of the equity market recovered its composure after Thursday's shake-out stemming from the dismal August trade figures. Market-makers, apparently now long of stock, were marking prices higher first thing in thin trade ahead of the new account, starting on Monday. Dealers are hoping that the market will continue its advance in the run-up to the sale of the £7.5 billion sell-off of BP by the Government next month.

The FT 30 index grew in confidence throughout the day to close at its best levels, 19.7 up at 1,831.6 — a rise on the two-week account of 67.8. The broader FT-SE 100 index also finished 29.2 higher at 2,342.6.

But government securities remained overshadowed by this week's gilt auction. There is talk that some market-makers are already sitting on sizeable losses after taking stock on board. But prices at the longer end of the market managed to close with small gains stretching to £¼.

Fisons, the pharmaceuticals and scientific instrument manufacturer, returned to favour, closing 12p higher at 347p, on a turnover of nearly 6 million shares.

Mr Steve Plag, an analyst at Salomon Brothers, the US securities house, reckons the recent steep fall in the share price after the interim figures has provided investors with an ideal buying opportunity.

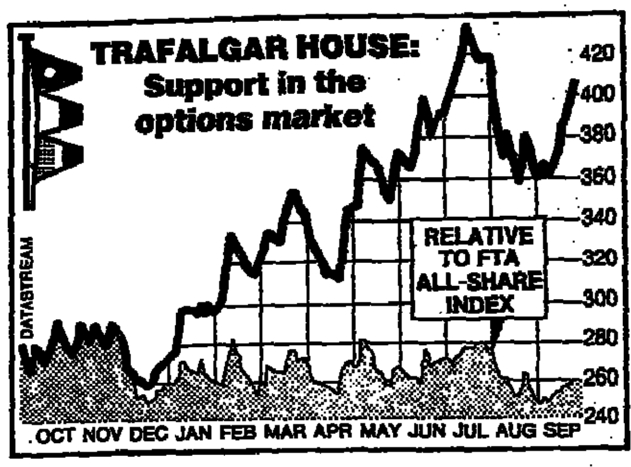
Rival **Wellcome** surged 32p to 569p, helped by strong demand for the shares on the traded options market.

Shares of **GEC** improved by 2p to 213p as 5.2 million shares were traded. Lord Weinstock, the chairman, was in Edinburgh canvassing institutions yesterday a few days after impressing fund managers in London.

Trafalgar House, the shipping, property and construction group headed by Sir Nigel Broackes which also owns the Ritz and the QE2, surged by 23p to 408p on a turnover of 5 million shares as takeover talk again swirled around the company.

There was early support for the shares on reports that BZW, the broker, had bought 1,000 contracts — equivalent to 1 million shares — in the Traded Options market which caught the market-makers wrong-footed. Speculators then took up the running, paying a premium for the privilege of trading ahead of the new account, starting on Monday.

The rise was accompanied by bid stories, including talk that Mr Clegg's Mountleigh, having withdrawn its offer for Storehouse, will now turn its attention to Trafalgar House.



● *Dee Corporation, the Fine Fare supermarket chain, has been a dull market since embarking on last year's £1 billion acquisition programme. The shares, which have fluctuated between 202p and 260p this year, improved 6p to 212p yesterday. Mr Alec Monk, the chairman, arrived in the US on Wednesday to prepare a corporate video before going on a roadshow to attract American fund managers to the company.*

WALL STREET

Dow dips 5 points in early dealings

New York (Agencies) — Blue chips were down in early trading yesterday in a generally lower market. Trading was slow. The Dow Jones industrial average was 5 points lower at 2,561.42. Declining shares outnumbered rising ones by three to two.

***Irving Bank* jumped by 2⅜ to 77⅛. The Bank of New York has filed an offer with the Securities and Exchange Commission to acquire all Irving's common stock for cash and shares.**

On Thursday, the Dow average fell by 19.25 to 2,566.42.

● Alexander and Alexander Services has agreed to sell, for $80 million and certain contingency payments, its Shand, Morahan subsidiary to a group of investors which includes Fairfax Financial Holdings, Markel Corporation and Shand's management.

Included in the sale will be Shand's 52 per cent interest in the issued stock of Evanston Services, an Illinois insurance company. Additionally, the group will purchase the 41 per cent interest held in Evanston by Kansa General Insurance of Finland and the 7 per cent held in Evanston by CJ Coleman Holdings of Britain.

	Sep 24	Sep 23		Sep 24	Sep 23		Sep 24	Sep 23
AMR Cp	54%	54%	Firestone	46%	47	Pepsico	38	38%
ASA	64	62%	Fst Chicago	28%	29	Pfizer	68%	69
Aetna Life	58%	60%	Fst Int Bncp	54%	54%	Phelps Dod	52%	53%
Allied Signal	44%	44%	Fst Penn C	10%	10	Philip Mor	115%	117
Allis Chlm	2	2%	FT Wachva	38%	38%	Philip Ptl	16%	16%
Alcoa	62%	60%	Ford Motor	109%	109%	Polaroid	31%	34%
Amax Inc	27%	28	GAF Cp	65%	65%	Primerica	44%	44%
AMR Hess	35%	36%	GTE Cp	41%	41%	Proct Gble	98%	99%
Am Brands	56%	57	Gen Cp	106%	108	Pub S E G	24%	24%
Am Cynmd	50%	50%	Gn Dynam	69%	70%	Raytheon	82%	87%
Am Ele Pwr	28%	27%	Gen Electric	61	62	Rynlds Met	57%	57
Amexs	35%	36%	Gen Inst	45%	46%	Rockwell Int	25%	25%
Am Home	86%	85%	Gen Mills	56%	57	Royal Dutch	127%	127%
Am Motor	n.a	n.a	Gen Motors	84%	86%	SFE Sopac	57%	58%
Am Stand	50%	49%	Gen Pub Ut	27%	27%	Sara Lee	45%	45%
Am Teleph	33%	34%	Genesco	5%	6	Schlmb	45%	46%
Amoco Cp	80%	81%	Georgia Pac	42%	43%	Scott Pap	81%	81%
Armco Steel	13%	13%	Gillette	40%	41%	Seagram	76	75%
Asarco Inc	32%	33	Goodrich	58%	58%	Sears Roeb	51	51%
Ashland Oil	65%	65%	Goodyear	72%	72%	Shell Trans	88%	89%
Atl Richfld	91%	91%	Gould Inc	23%	23%	Singer	58%	57%
Avon Prod	34%	34%	Grace Co	67%	68%	Smith Bck	59%	58
Bk Boston	30%	30	Grt Atl Pac	43%	42%	Sony Cp	34%	35
Bank NY	41%	41%	Greyhnd	40%	40%	Sth Cal Ed	32%	32%
Bankamer	11	11	Grumman	28%	28%	SW Bell	43%	42%
Bkrs Tst NY	45%	46%	Gulf & West	84%	84%	Squibb	98%	99%
Baxter	28%	27%	Heinz	48%	49%	Sterl Drug	80%	80
Beth Steel	16%	16%	Hercules	61%	60%	Stevens JP	40%	40%
Boeing	50%	50%	Hewlett Pk	69%	69%	Sun Comp	60%	59%
Boise Casc	79	78%	Honeywell	79%	80%	TRW Inc	61%	61%
Borden	58%	59	IC Ind	34%	33%	Teledyne	367%	369
Bristl Meyr	51%	51%	ITT Cp	61%	61%	Tenneco	56%	56
BP	72%	73%	INCO	23	22%	Texaco	40%	40%
Brunswick	28%	28%	Ing Rand W	45%	45%	Tex Eastn	35	35%
Burl Ind	n.a	n.a	Inland Steel	33%	33%	Texas Inst	76%	77%
Burl Nth	77%	76%	IBM	155%	154%	Tex Util	31%	31%
CBS	209%	206%	Int Paper	49%	50%	Textron	33%	33%
Cms Engy	16%	15%	Irving Bk	52%	51%	Travelers	43%	43%
CPC Int	52%	53%	Jhsn & Jhsn	94%	94%	USG	44%	42%
CSX Cp	39%	38%	K Mart	41	40%	USX Cp	37%	37%
Cmpbell Sp	65%	65%	Kaisertech	20%	20%	Unilever Plc	42%	43%
Can Pacific	21%	21	Kerr McGee	41%	41%	Un Carbide	27%	27%
Caterpillar	73%	71%	Kimbrly Clrk	57%	58	Un Pac Cp	81%	80%
Centrl SW	31%	31%	Kraft	55%	57	Unisys Cp	44%	44%
Champion	40%	40%	Kroger	33%	33%	Utd Brands	39%	39%
Chase Man	36%	37%	LTV Cp	3%	3%	Utd Tech	56%	56%
Chem NY	37%	37%	Litton	100%	101%	Unocal	37%	37%
Chevron	53%	53%	Lockheed	55	54%	Walter Jm	59%	59%
Chrysler	42%	44%	Lucky Str	33%	33%	Warn Lamb	79%	78
Citicorp	57%	57%	Man H'nver	39%	39%	Wells Far	54%	55%
Clark Eq	33%	32%	Manville	3%	3%	Westg El	71%	69%
Coca Cola	48	49%	Mapco	55%	55%	Weyerhsr	51%	51%
Colgate	50%	48	Marine Mid	62	61%	Whirlpool	36%	36%
Columb Gas	50%	50%	Mt Marietta	56	56%	Woolworth	48%	49
Cmb'tn Eng	42%	42%	Masco	33%	34	Xerox Cp	79%	79%
Cmwlth Ed	31%	32%	Mcdonalds	54	55%	Zenith	27%	28
Cons Edis	43%	43%	McDonnell	76%	77%			
Consol Ng	40%	40%	Mead Cp	43%	44%			
Cont Data	37	36%	Merck	200	205%			
Corning Gl	70%	69%	Mnsta Mng	80%	80%	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Crane	31	31%	Mobil	48%	49			
Curtiss Wrt	66%	65%	Monsanto	93%	93%	Agnco Eag	35%	35%
Data Genl	30%	31%	Morgan Jp	46%	45%	Alcan Alum	48%	47
Deere Co	40%	39	Motorola	69%	70%	Algoma Stl	19%	19%
Delta Air	52%	51%	NCR	82%	81%	Can Pacific	27%	27%
Detroit Ed	14%	15	NL Indstrs	9%	9%	Cominco	21%	21%
Digital Eq	189%	189%	Nat Distill	79%	78	Con Bathrst	20%	20%
Disney	77%	76	Nat Med Ent	26%	26%	Hawk S Can	29	29
Dow Chem	104%	101%	Nat Semi	19	19	Hud Bay M	23%	24
Dresser Ind	32%	32%	Norfolk Sth	33%	34	Imasco	33%	33%
Dupont	116%	117%	NW Bancrp	45%	46	Imperial Oil	74%	74
Duke Pwr	45%	45%	Occid Pet	34%	35%	Int Pipe	50%	51
East Kodak	100%	101	Ogden Cp	37%	38%	Royl Trstco	15%	15%
Eaton Cp	100%	98%	Olin Cp	53%	53%	Seagram	100	100
Emerson El	41	40%	PPG Ind	45%	45%	Shelco 'A'	25%	26
Emery Air	9	9%	Pac Gas El	18%	18%	Thmsn N 'A'	30%	30%
Exxon	47%	48%	Pan Am	4%	4%	Varity Cp	3.35	3.25
Farah Inc	14%	14%	Penney JC	55%	55%	WCT	16%	16%
Fedders	8%	9	Pennzoil	69%	70%	Weston	41%	42

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 10
Finance House 9½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 10 Low 9
Week fixed: 9 13/16

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying	Selling
2 mnth 9 13/16	2 mnth 9¾
3 mnth 9 13/16	3 mnth 9¾

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)

1 mnth 9 17/32-9¾	2 mnth 9 27/32-9 25/32
3 mnth 9¾-9 25/32	6 mnth 9¾-9¾

Trade Bills (Discount %)

1 mnth 10 7/16	2 mnth 10 15/32
3 mnth 10%	6 mnth 10%

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 10 close 9

1 week 10 1/16-9 15/16	6 mnth 10 7/16-10 5/16
1 mnth 10-9 15/16	9 mnth 10½-10%
3 mnth 10 3/16-10¼	12 mnth 10 9/16-10½

Local Authority Deposits (%)

2 days 9¾	7 days 9¾
1 mnth 9¾	3 mnth 10
6 mnth 10½	12 mnth 10¾

Local Authority Bonds (%)

1 mnth 10-9¾	2 mnth 10 1/16-9 13/16
3 mnth 10 3/16-9 15/16	6 mnth 10 7/16-10 3/16
9 mnth 10%-10%	*12 mnth 10%-10%*

Sterling CDs (%)

1 mnth 9 15/16-9 13/16	3 mnth 10%-10
6 mnth 10%-10%	12 mth 10%-10%

Dollar CDs (%)

1 mnth 7.55-7.50	3 mnth 7.65-7.60
6 mnth 8.05-8.00	12 mth 8.45-8.40

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar	call 7%-6%
7 days 7½-7%	1 mnth 7½-7%
3 mnth 7 11/16-7 9/16	6 mnth 8%-8
Deutschemark	call 4-3
7 days 3%-3%	1 mnth 4-3%
3 mnth 4 1/16-3 15/16	6 mnth 4 9/16-4 7/16
French Franc	call 7½-6½
7 days 7%-7%	1 mnth 7 11/16-7 9/16
3 mnth 8-7%	6 mnth 8%-8%
Swiss Franc	call 1½-½
7 days 9%-9	1 mnth 3%-3%
3 mnth 3 13/16-3 11/16	6 mnth 4%-4%
Yen	call 3%-2%
7 days 5 9/16-5 7/16	1 mnth 4%-4½
3 mnth 4%-4½	6 mnth 4%-4%

TREASURY BILLS

Applicts: £1,134m	alloted: £200m
Bids: £97.56%	received: 59%
Last week: £97.6%	received: 21%
Avge rate: £9.7727%	last wk £9.5034%
Next week: £100m	replace £400m

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: August 28, 1987. Agreed rates for period September 23, 1987 to October 25, 1987. *Scheme I: 11.24 per cent.* Schemes II & III: 11.31 per cent. Reference rate for period August 1, 1987 to August 28, 1987. *Scheme IV: 10.037 per cent.*

BULLION

Gold:$461.75-462.25
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
$ 461.00-464.00 (£281.00-283.00)
Mapleleaf (per 1 ounce coin):
$ 475.00-480.00 (£289.50-293.00)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$ 108.50-109.50 (£66.00-66.75)
Platinum
$ 587.50 (£358.25)
Silver
$ 7.6200-7.6400 (£4.6450-4.6600)

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey	1,700	Cadbury	1,795	L&G	1,570	Sainsbury	685
Alld-Lyons	3,975	Coats	588	Lloyds	2,300	Scot & N	1,326
Amstrad	9,419	CU	1,311	Lonrho	2,741	Sears	5,052
ASDA	2,451	Cons Gold	779	Lucas	420	Sedgwick	1,238
AB Foods	505	Cookson	206	M&S	1,451	Shell	1,182
Argyll	3,113	Courtaulds	1,037	MEPC	339	Smith & N	1,268
BAA	3,708	Dalgety	447	Metal Box	3,571	STC	437
BET	8,357	Dee	6,937	Midland	2,094	Stan Chart	192
BTR	912	Dixons	685	NatWest	1,613	Storehouse	2,249
BAT	1,473	ECC	687	Next	3,339	Sun Alnce	35
Barclays	1,995	Fisons	5,985	P&O	1,336	T & N	1,842
Bass	257	Gen Acc	87	Pearl	1,622	Tarmac	1,642
Beecham	3,504	GEC	5,388	Pearson	333	TSB	2,100
BICC	386	Glaxo	1,611	Pilkington	2,460	Tesco	1,741
Blue Circle	281	Globe	47	Plessey	8,477	Thorn EMI	18,990
BOC	205	Granada	456	Prudential	239	Trafalgar	5,759
Boots	4,388	Grand Met	1,141	Racal	776	THF	1,797
BPB	2,254	GUS 'A'	43	Rk Hovis	575	Ultramar	1,274
Br Aero	822	GRE	357	Rank	1,127	Unigate	2,376
Br Airways	3,401	GKN	632	R&C	144	Unilever	1,182
Br-Comm	1,278	Guinness	4,080	Redland	1,331	United Bis	1,153
Br Gas	6,809	Hamm 'A'	769	Reed	1,027	Utd News	2,509
Br Petrol	4,808	Hanson	2,656	Reuters	386	Wellcome	8,252
BPCC	1,154	Hawker	216	RMC Gp	2,208	Whitbrd	526
Br Telecm	4,047	Hillsdown	1,346	RTZ	830	Willis Fab	303
Britoil	4,308	ICI	842	R-Royce	6,800	Woolworth	757
Bunzl	570	Jaguar	149	Rowntree	162		
Burmah	161	Lasmo	471	Royal Bank	578		
Burton	4,035	Ladbroke	2,070	Royal Ins	2,742	*Equities' listings*	
C&W	5,828	Land Sec	1,440	Saatchi	2,031	*on page 28*	

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Lyon	390	46	57	70	2	6	10
(*431)	420	23	36	50	9	18	23
	460	5	17	30	33	43	47
Brit Air	190	24	—	—	2	—	—
(*212)	200	17	28	32	6	12	17
	220	6	17	24	15	27	30
Brit Com	460	63	80	95	4	12	16
(*520)	500	33	53	70	10	22	30
	550	9	30	45	37	45	52
Brit Gas	165	12	22	—	2	6	—
(*174)	180	5	14	20	9½	14	17
	200	1	7	13	27	29	31
BP	330	46	59	65	2	8	15
(*371)	360	22	40	46	8	16	26
	390	6	24	33	25	33	41
Britoil	300	36	53	62	3	13	21
(*329)	330	15	36	45	13	26	29
	360	5	20	31	34	39	45
Cons Gold	1450	50	130	170	85	115	150
(*1433)	1500	33	105	150	125	150	180
	1550	23	85	135	165	190	230
Courtauld	420	117	126	—	1	2	—
(*531)	460	77	92	110	2	7½	12
	500	40	63	83	6	18	28
	550	13	37	56	28	38	48
Com Union	330	84	95	103	1	4	5
(*411)	360	54	67	77	2	5	10
	390	28	44	56	5	14	17
C & W	360	128	137	150	½	1	4
(*484)	390	98	113	127	1	5	9
	420	70	90	107	2	8	15
	460	42	60	80	7	15	27
GEC	200	18	27	34	3	9	12
(*213)	220	5½	16	23	14	17	22
	240	1½	10	17	29	31	32
Grand Met	460	113	127	—	1	1½	—
(*569)	500	73	93	100	2	7	13
	550	33	55	65	11	23	30
	600	6	28	40	35	43	50
ICI	1450	163	210	230	2	16	30
(*1604)	1500	120	170	195	6	28	45
	1550	80	135	160	17	43	62
	1600	45	105	127	37	62	82
Land Sec	550	50	72	85	4	18	22
(*585)	600	17	42	60	23	35	42
	650	4	20	38	60	66	72
M & S	220	21	30	39	3	8	12
(*236)	240	9	20	28	11	17	22
	260	3	12	18	26	29	33
R-Royce	185	20	28	35	1	4	8
(*203)	195	13	22	27	4	8½	13
	205	6	16	23	6	14	16
	215	2	11	—	15	18	—
Shell	1350	42	98	135	40	73	100
(*1336)	1400	23	77	110	70	98	125
	1450	9	58	92	118	128	152
Trafalgar	360	50	62	75	3	5	10
(*407)	390	25	40	55	6	17	20
	420	7	22	37	20	32	35
TSB	130	12	16	18	1½	2½	5
(*136)	140	4	11	14	4½	9	10
	150	2	6	9	14	16	18
Woolworth	325	42	—	—	3	—	—
(*361)	330	—	50	60	—	10	15
	350	23	—	—	13	—	—
	375	10	30	—	25	35	—
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Bass	950	60	88	113	15	40	50
(*999)	1000	25	58	88	33	63	75
	1050	10	43	65	75	90	100
GKN	330	83	90	97	1	3	7
(*407)	360	53	65	72	1½	9	12
	390	24	44	55	6	16	25
	420	9	28	38	21	28	39
Jaguar	500	70	90	105	1	11	20
(*564)	550	28	60	70	10	28	38
	600	4½	28	47	40	52	64
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Amstrad	160	41	53	62	4	12	16
(*192)	180	30	40	50	11	19	24
	200	22	28	38	21	29	30
Beecham	460	135	—	—	1	—	—
(*586)	500	95	112	—	5	9	—
	550	56	75	92	13	22	28
	600	25	47	65	35	43	50
Boots	280	34	43	52	9	11	15
(*303)	300	23	33	41	16	21	23
	330	11	21	28	35	37	39
BTR	330	44	56	—	7	10	—
(*360)	360	25	37	45	18	22	28
	390	14	25	32	38	40	45
Blue Circ	425	47	—	—	11	—	—
(*454)	450	33	—	—	25	—	—
	475	20	—	—	40	—	—
De Beers	1050	570	—	—	5	—	—
(*1600)	1100	520	—	—	10	—	—
	1200	420	—	—	40	—	—
	1300	330	—	—	60	—	—
Dixons	330	56	64	—	6	9	—
(*374)	360	36	45	56	14	20	24
	390	17	30	40	28	34	37
Glaxo	1650	175	235	—	37	60	—
(*1763)	1700	140	205	—	52	75	—
	1750	90	175	220	75	95	115

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Glaxo	1800	82	148	195	105	120	135
Hanson	140	44	—	—	½	—	—
(*180)	160	25½	28½	—	1½	3½	—
	180	11½	15½	20½	7	11	12
	200	4	7½	12	22	23½	25½
Sears	140	35	39	—	1	3	—
(*171)	160	19	24	28	6	7	10
	180	8	15	19	14	17	19
Tesco	167	35	—	—	3	—	—
(*195)	188	22	34	—	8	11	—
	200	14	23	28	15	21	22
Thorn EMI	650	74	97	112	13	22	30
(*695)	700	42	67	85	34	45	55
	750	20	43	—	72	80	—
	800	8	28	—	127	115	—
THF	240	29	28	33	6	13	16
(*246)	260	11	17	25	18	24	28
	280	5	9	16	33	38	40
Unilever	600	57	87	100	15	23	30
(*643)	650	37	58	72	35	45	52
	700	17	37	50	70	72	78
Wellcome	500	85	105	125	13	20	27
(*567)	550	53	75	97	27	35	42
	600	30	53	73	56	62	67
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAA	130	17	21	27	3	5	8
(*140)	140	10	15	22	9	11	15
	160	3	8	—	20	23	—
Brit Aero	460	65	88	95	5	12	23
(*514)	500	37	62	72	17	25	40
	550	15	37	46	42	52	67
BAT Ind	550	145	160	—	2	3	—
(*667)	600	97	117	127	2½	9	15
	650	57	78	92	12	20	28
	700	27	50	65	33	40	50
Brit Tele	240	31	—	—	3	—	—
(*263)	260	18	26	34	7	13	18
	280	8	16	26	20	25	30
Cadbury	240	41	51	51	1½	7	9
(*278)	260	24	37	40	6	13	17
	280	12	24	30	15	21	27
Guinness	330	40	55	58	3	7	10
(*364)	360	18	35	42	13	18	25
	390	6	22	28	35	40	45
Ladbroke	403	60	—	—	2	—	—
(*457)	443	27	—	—	14	—	—
	460	19	35	47	22	27	36
LASMO	330	40	58	67	9	19	24
(*360)	360	23	39	50	19	27	35
	390	9	26	38	39	45	53
Plessey	180	39	45	52	1½	4	8
(*215)	200	23	31	37	6	10	15
	220	11	20	27	13	19	24
P & O	638	97	115	—	3	8	—
(*735)	688	52	77	—	12	20	—
	750	20	45	62	40	48	60
Prudential	950	102	135	150	12	25	35
(*1040)	1000	67	102	120	25	40	57
	1050	40	75	90	50	62	77
Racal	280	40	52	64	5	13	17
(*313)	300	26	39	50	12	19	25
	330	12	25	36	29	37	42
RTZ	1250	175	230	265	25	55	75
(*1393)	1300	140	200	235	43	70	100
	1350	105	175	210	60	90	125
	1400	85	155	185	85	115	150
Vaal Reef	130	18	21½	28	6	9½	12½
(*140)	140	12	17	21½	9½	13½	17
	150	8	13½	17½	15½	18½	22
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Barclays	500	122	135	150	3	6	10
(*606)	550	75	95	115	7	13	25
	600	42	65	80	22	37	47
Midland	485	85	105	—	7	13	—
(*560)	522	57	—	—	14	—	—
	550	40	60	70	30	40	47
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Lonrho	255	73	—	—	1	—	—
(*324)	273	56	—	—	2	—	—
	300	36	45	53	7	11	16
	330	21	29	38	20	26	34
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Tr 11¾%	102	1½	2 1/16	—	¾	¾	—
1991	104	21/32	1	—	1¾	1¾	—
(*£104)	106	9/32	⅝	—	[illegible]	3 3/16	—
	108	1/16	5/32	—	[illegible]	4½	—
Tr 11¾%	110	3%	4%	4%	[illegible]	2%	[illegible]
03/07	112	2%	[illegible]	3%	2	3%	[illegible]
(*£112)	114	1%	2%	[illegible]	3%	[illegible]	4%
	116	[illegible]	[illegible]	2%	4%	5%	6
	118	[illegible]	[illegible]	—	[illegible]	6%	—

FT-SE INDEX (*2338)

Series	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2150	193	208	233	—	½	3	10	—
2200	143	168	190	217	½	7	17	25
2250	93	128	150	177	1½	15	27	37
2300	44	88	118	140	7	28	45	49
2350	11	58	87	112	27	48	63	69
2400	2	35	63	85	65	78	90	97
2450	½	20	—	—	115	117	—	—
2500	½	11	—	—	165	167	—	—

September 25, 1987 Total: 44980 Calls 26811 Puts 18169 FT-SE: Calls 2867 Puts 1159
*Underlying security price.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Adscene Gp (110p)	108 −2
Alexander Walter	260 +5
BAA (245p) (aa)	140 +1
Britannia Gp	168 −2
Babygro	155
Cauldon	34½ −½
Cook (DC) (92p)	280 +25
Corporate Prop	101 +13
Debenham Tewson	220 −1
Derwent Valley	710
Dolphin Packg (106p)	152 −2
Econ Forestry	118
Glamar Gp	238
Grampian	306
Guidehouse	135 +5
Harland Simon	218 +8
Kentish Prop (185p)	240 −5
Kingsgrange (140p)	192 +2
Kingston Oil (100p)	115
Knobs Knockers	145
Lancaster (165p)	218
March Group	182 +1
Pickwick	222
Rolls-Royce (170p)	203½ +1½
Ross Consumer (165p)	223
Rural Plan	93
Shelton (Martin) (63p)	78
UPL Gp	180
USDC Inv	188
Zetters Leis	160

RIGHTS ISSUES

AB Elect N/P	131 +12
Amal Fin N/P	94 +1
BOM N/P	13 +3½
Bowater N/P	33 −1
Christies Hunt N/P	6 +½
Collins W 'a' N/P	109 +1
Collins W N/P	44 −5
Forward Tech N/P	
Inoco N/P	12 +2
Miller Santhouse N/P	195 +5
Property Tst N/P	4½ +¼

(Issue price in brackets).

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
September 21	October 2	December 17	January 4

Call options were taken out on:25/9/87 Argyle Trust, Moorgate Merc., Hammerson 'A', Astra Trust, Amalgamated Financial Investments, London Secs., Control Secs., Amstrad, Saatchi & Saatchi, Beechams, Sound Diffusion, Hughes Foods, Monarch Res., Henderson Group, Matthews B, Astra Holdings, Dixons, Property Trust, Mayborn Group, Greenwich Res., Storehouse, Eagle Trust.
Puts & Calls: AB Engineering, Polly Peck.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Dec 87	89.60	89.66	89.54	89.61	3666
Mar 88	89.74	89.74	89.65	89.69	261
Jun 88	89.70	89.71	89.67	89.68	46
Sep 88	89.60	89.60	89.60	89.56	2
Dec 88	NT	—	—	89.45	0
Mar 89	NT	—	—	89.36	0
Jun 89	NT	—	—	89.26	0
	Previous day's total open interest 15296				
Three Month Eurodollar					
Dec 87	91.63	91.67	91.57	91.60	5459
Mar 88	91.22	91.25	91.16	91.19	1347
Jun 88	90.93	90.95	90.88	90.90	173
Sep 88	90.71	90.72	90.71	90.69	29
Dec 88	90.53	90.53	90.53	90.52	30
Mar 89	NT	—	—	90.37	0
Jun 89	NT	—	—	90.24	0
Sep 89	NT	—	—	—	
	Previous day's total open interest 28815				
US Treasury Bond					
Dec 87	82-09	82-19	82-03	82-09	6934
Mar 88	NT	—	—	81-13	0
Jun 88	NT	—	—	—	
	Previous day's total open interest 6075				
Long Gilt					
Sep 87	NT	—	—	114-15	0
Dec 87	114-06	114-10	113-20	114-08	23092
Mar 88	NT	—	—	114-05	0
Jun 88	NT	—	—	—	
Sep 88	NT	—	—	—	
	Previous day's total open interest 26534				
FT-SE 100					
Sep 87	232.60	234.00	232.40	233.40	878
Dec 87	238.70	239.50	237.70	238.80	1030
	Previous day's total open interest 8186				
Japanese Government Bond					
Dec 87	98.09	98.43	98.09	98.10	1580
Mar 88	97.95	97.95	97.95	97.70	50
	Previous day's total open interest 764				

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range September 25	Market rates close September 25	1 month	3 months
N York	1.6375-1.6425	1.6415-1.6425	0.34-0.31prem	0.97-0.92prem
Montreal	2.1509-2.1566	2.1536-2.1566	0.17-0.08prem	0.29-0.16prem
Ams'dam	3.3536-3.3679	3.3634-3.3679	1½-1¼prem	4-3¾prem
Brussels	61.83-62.12	62.00-62.12	21-17prem	57-51prem
C'phgen	11.4707-11.5057	11.4905-11.5057	¾prem-⅝dis	½prem-⅞dis
Dublin	1.1123-1.1161	1.1142-1.1152	15-11prem	35-25prem
Frankfurt	2.9794-2.9935	2.9883-2.9935	1⅝-1½prem	4½-4¼prem
Lisbon	234.49-236.10	235.13-236.10	49-103dis	253-343dis
Madrid	198.95-199.79	199.50-199.79	34-52dis	173-209dis
Milan	2149.83-2160.55	2155.95-2160.55	2-6dis	12-16dis
Oslo	10.9131-10.9523	10.9357-10.9523	3⅝-3¾dis	9⅞-10½dis
Paris	9.9396-9.9771	9.9628-9.9771	2⅛-1⅞prem	5¼-4¾prem
St'kholm	10.4628-10.4931	10.4818-10.4931	⅝-⅜prem	1⅛-1prem
Tokyo	235.23-236.10	235.71-236.10	1¼-1prem	3⅜-3prem
Vienna	20.98-21.05	21.02-21.05	10¾-9¾prem	29-27prem
Zurich	2.4710-2.4842	2.4802-2.4842	1⅝-1½prem	4-3¾prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 73.0 (day's range 72.9-73.0).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	4.1774-4.1954
Australia dollar	2.2629-2.2659
Bahrain dinar	0.6155-0.6195
Brazil cruzado*	82.6996-83.1636
Cyprus pound	0.7790-0.7890
Finland marka	7.1851-7.1977
Greece drachma	227.89-228.50
Hong Kong dollar	12.7900-12.7985
India rupee	21.29-21.49
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4585-0.4625
Malaysia dollar	4.1314-4.1356
Mexico peso	2470.0-2520.0
New Zealand dollar	2.5465-2.5528
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.1225-6.1625
Singapore dollar	3.4250-3.4289
S Africa rand (fin)	5.3754-5.6840
S Africa rand (com)	3.3616-3.3707
U A E dirham	5.9950-6.0350

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4710-1.4740
Singapore	2.0900-2.0910
Malaysia	2.5210-2.5220
Australia	0.7237-0.7242
Canada	1.3135-1.3145
Sweden	6.3875-6.3925
Norway	6.6600-6.6650
Denmark	7.0050-7.0100
West Germany	1.8209-1.8214
Switzerland	1.5110-1.5120
Netherlands	2.0490-2.0500
France	6.0725-6.0775
Japan	143.75-143.85
Italy	1314.0-1315.0
Belgium(Comm)	37.75-37.80
Hong Kong	7.8045-7.8055
Portugal	143.20-143.60
Spain	121.42-121.52
Austria	12.79-12.81

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Fight against fraud making headway, says DTI report

By Colin Narbrough

The fight against fraud in a deregulated world appears to be having some effect, according to the Department of Trade and Industry.

The DTI 's annual report, entitled *Companies in 1986-87* and published yesterday, shows that in the 15 months to the end of March, 45 companies were ordered to be wound up on petition from the DTI, which is responsible for policing business. In the 1985 calendar year, the total was only 20.

Those wound up included the much-publicized McDonald Wheeler, the Canterbury-based fund management company, and City Investment which traded as The Share Shop.

Inquiries by DTI officials produced 16 successful prosecutions relating to 24 companies in the 15-month period, some of those prosecuted being involved in more than one company.

The number of applications for investigation under the Companies Act showed a decline to 613 from 648, but the number actually taken up showed rose to 164 from 139.

The 15-month period was covered to allow a switch to reports based on the financial year rather the calendar year previously reported.

The Companies Investigation Branch was also strengthened considerably to give the campaign against fraud and misconduct more credibility, with 15 extra staff recruited, bringing the number up to 47.

That butt of much criticism, the Companies Registration Offices in Cardiff and Edinburgh, were also reinforced. Management was strengthened and a board set up to advise on policy and assist with marketing strategy.

The compliance rate for annual returns and accounts rose in 1986-87, with some 80 per cent of active companies filing both sets of data for the period to June 30 last year, and enabling the office to meet its compliance target.

At the end of March this year, the number of companies registered with the CROs was 1.09 million, an increase of 13 per cent since 1985.

Allowing for the companies in the process of liquidation or removal from the register, the effective number of companies was 876,684.

In England and Wales, the number of company liquidations increased only slightly in 1986, to 18,930. Winding-up orders issued by the courts also showed a slight rise to 5,761.

Jardine up 82% at half time

From Stephen Leather Hong Kong

Jardine Matheson Holdings, the trading house, yesterday declared net interim profits up 82 per cent to HK$335 million (£26 million).

Mr Brian Powers, managing director, said the group had been helped by the strong economies, particulary Hong Kong, in which it operated, although Japan, Britain and the US had also enjoyed buoyant conditions.

The group, after several years of under-performing, was "getting back to satisfactory levels of performance," which meant better dividends. Jardine is lifting the interim dividend from seven cents to 12 cents.

Marketing and distribution were still the group's main profit sources, followed by financial services. Gammon, the construction arm, was the only under-performer.

Mr Simon Keswick, Jardine's chairman, said the securities trading and merchant banking arm, Jardine Fleming, produced "an outstanding performance."

Central sells film arm

By Joe Joseph

Into focus: Michael Green of Carlton Communications

Central Independent Television, the ITV contractor for the Midlands, is selling Zenith Productions, its feature film and television production subsidiary, to Carlton Communications, one of Britain's fastest-growing media groups.

The deal should leave Zenith, one of the largest independent film producers in Britain, better placed to tap the growing market for independently made programmes being urged by the Government.

Carlton, which owns 20 per cent of Central, is meeting the £6.3 million in Carlton shares.

Mr Michael Green, the chairman of Carlton, said: "I think now is the right time for a move into independent production. I am looking forward to building Zenith into a large independent production company. I think it has a management and a talent that knows how to make television programmes and feature releases. It will continue to do that, but on a broader scale."

Central said it was prompted to sell Zenith by government plans to encourage independent television producers.

Both the ITV companies and the two BBC channels are being asked by the Government to commission an increasing quantity of independently produced programmes, probably comprising up to a quarter of their total output by 1992.

Central, the second-largest ITV company, said that Zenith's ability to compete in this growing British market would be severely restrained in the new environment. As a wholly-owned subsidiary of an ITV company, Zenith would not qualify as an independent producer.

Zenith, which has produced such films as *Prick Up Your Ears* and *Personal Services* and is expected to make pretax profits this year of £650,000.

Central yesterday also announced a rise in pretax profits from £5.32 million to £7.06 million in the six months to June 30. Turnover rose 23 per cent to £105.28 million. Earnings per share were up from 13p to 17.2p and the interim dividend was lifted by 1p to 5p.

WH Smith rescue helps TSI recover

By Our City Staff

Television Services International, the film and video production group which was on the brink of collapse earlier this year, has cut pretax losses for the six months ending June 30 to £67,000 from £1.92 million.

Turnover rose from £4.45 million to £7.34 million. But there will be no dividend.

The arrival of a new management team, a cash injection from WH Smith and better prospects all helped TSI's recovery.

Mr John Jackson, who became chairman in January, said the recovery reflected lower overheads, the closure of TSI's entertainments division and the improved trading position of Molinare, TSI's main post-production company. Mr Jackson took over the reins after Mr Andrew Lee, the founder and former chairman, resigned

TSI was put back on its feet in May after WH Smith came to its rescue by paying £7 million for a 51 per cent stake.

Coates increases profits to £11.1m

By Alexandra Jackson

Coates Brothers, Britain's largest producer of printing inks, brought forward the publication of its interim results yesterday, to reveal a 39 per cent increase in pretax profits to £11.1 million.

This was in response to the announcement earlier in the day that Markheath, the property group, whose chairman is the Australian entrepreneur, Mr John Spalvins, had increased its holding of Coates' voting shares to 20.24 per cent.

Turnover in the six months to end-June was 4 per cent higher at £100.9 million. An interim dividend, 29 per cent higher at 2.2p, was declared.

Printing inks made operating profits of £5.1 million

Margins were sharply up in both printing inks and synthetic resins. The absence of raw-material price increases for most of Coates' products, combined with strong underlying demand, contributed to the profits improvement.

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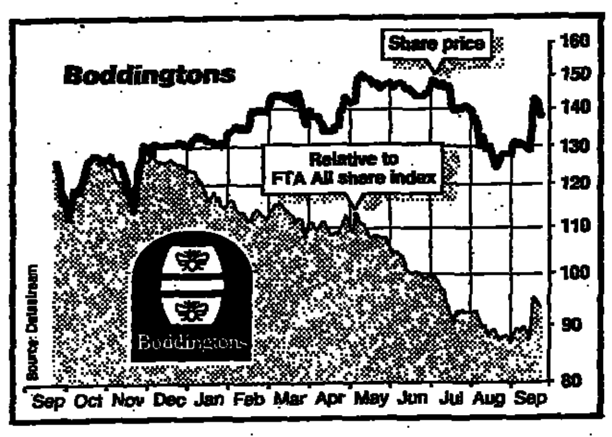
Still waiting for Boddington to brew up a stronger profit



They did not drink a lot of beer in the North-west in the first six months of the year as Boddington Group's figures show.

The 6 per cent pretax advance was due entirely to £1 million of property profits as, at the trading level, there was an 8 per cent drop in profits on static turnover. Margins, therefore, fell by nearly a percentage point.

Beer sales were 5 per cent down, in line with the industry's experience for the region. Boddington has relatively little exposure to the growing carry-home market, while lager volumes, although growing by 10 per cent, were not strong enough to make up for the shortfall elsewhere.

The second half, however, is already ahead of last year and economic indicators for the area are looking better.

Boddington is reviewing its distribution and manufacturing operations and should soon be in a position to decide what further rationalization is necessary. The Oldham plant appears to be the most vulnerable.

The company is investing heavily on its tied estate. Capital expenditure on refurbishments and catering facilities will amount to £8.4 million this year.

Diversification away from traditional strengths has started late for Boddington. However, useful growing contributions to profits should continue to come from Henry's Table restaurants of which there will be 12 by the year-end, and 50 by 1990.

The Village Leisure operation, now consisting of two hotel-sports centres, is also promising. It will add another one by 1989.

This year the burden of capital expenditure will push profits sideways. Including property disposals, Boddington should make £14.5 million pretax, a mere £100,000 ahead of 1986.

The shares will remain dull until the fruits of the investments programme are harvested.

Elders IXL

Serious analysis of Elders IXL's final results will have to wait for the divisional breakdown of operations in the annual report.

The overall attributable profit of Aus$400.9 million was comfortably ahead of expectations — James Capel, the stockbroker, was forecasting Aus$374 million — but where the extra boost came from is anybody's guess.

The attributable profit rose 47 per cent, stripping out one-off contributions of Aus$94 million from the sale of Broken Hill Proprietary Gold Mines and Aus$40 million from changes to an option agreement with BHP.

The interest charge was Aus$345 million, compared with Aus$161 million, due to the cost of financing the acquisitions of Courage in Britain and Carling O'Keefe in Canada.

Elders' usual pattern of high gearing after acquisitions, coming down rapidly through refinancing, has been repeated. Gearing will be much lower than at the year-end through the proceeds of the Aus$450 million second call of March's rights issue.

The profit jump to Aus$217 million from Aus$29 million was due, at the associated level, mainly to the first full contribution from 18 per cent-owned BHP.

Elders has a busy timetable ahead. Courage's flotation is scheduled for November and the spinning-off of the brewing, agribusiness and finance divisions as separate 65 per cent-owned entities is next year. The shares are expected to be subdued until nearer to the reconstruction and the Aus$1-a-share capital return, which is also being offered as a one-for-five scrip issue.

Equity & Law

Mr Ron Brierley has made a fortune in this country in the past year or so by failing to take companies over. Now he can pick up a £41.7 million profit by bowing gracefully out of Equity & Law.

As the New Zealand entrepreneur slept yesterday in Sydney, his adopted home, his French rivals, Compagnie du Midi, shook hands on a new bid that valued the British life assurer at £446 million, substantially more than his £367 million offer. He need not say anything until next Friday, when the 28 days for his offer end, but he must be tempted to cash in.

At 446p, Equity & Law is being valued at a massive 55.7 times earnings for last year, illustrating how keen the French are to buy it.

It was enough to sway a board that was pretty keen on independence. Their judgement will have been coloured by a determination to stay out of Mr. Brierley's hands, but they will have needed to satisfy themselves that the French offer would see the New Zealander off.

There are more dynamic insurance companies than Equity & Law, a group facing growing marketing problems arising from its stance against employing its own direct sales force. Legislative changes in the insurance industry can be expected to force many of its smaller intermediaries into the arms of rival companies.

But it could not provide a better fit for Compagnie du Midi, to which it will bring its operations in The Netherlands, Belgium and West Germany to match those of the French in southern Europe, together with, and most importantly, the acknowledged British expertise

Like the Frenchmen, Equity & Law sees Europe opening up as the economies of the more recent entrants to the European Economic Community expand

It explains why Compagnie du Midi is paying such a premium. But shareholders have no need to hurry to accept. Let Mr Brierley make his mind up first.

Finance ministers endorse debt plan

From Rodney Lord Barbados

The Commonwealth Finance Ministers meeting in Barbados closed yesterday with a strong endorsement of the plan for relieving the debt burden of the poorest countries of sub-Saharan Africa launched by Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor.

The support of the 49 countries represented at the meeting is expected to give the plan additional momentum at the meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank beginning in Washington tomorrow.

The final communiqué issued by the Commonwealth ministers said that they strongly recommended the Lawson plan to the creditor countries for early approval. However, some countries excluded from its scope feel that they also have claims.

Dr Kalu Idika Kalu, Nigeria's Minister of Planning, said yesterday that Nigeria qualified on at least two of the three criteria set out by Mr Lawson, namely the size of the debt in relation to the economy and the willingness to pursue adjustment policies. However, he said the Lawson plan was a "step in the right direction."

The difficulties of countries which were neither among the poorest nor among the Latin American debtors also received greater recognition in the course of the meeting.

Mr Lawson said there were now at least three categories of debtors — the "Baker 15" who were mainly indebted to commercial banks; the very poor countries of sub-Saharan Africa and some countries in the middle, including the Caribbean islands, who were not among the very poor but whose debts were mainly to the IMF and World Bank.

The communiqué commended "for serious examination within the international community" a plan to assist the countries in the middle.

The proposal, on behalf of the member states of the Caribbean Community by Mr Edward Seaga, the Prime Minister of Jamaica, centres on rescheduling debt maturities over several years rather than taking each year's maturities one at a-time.

The Commonwealth ministers stressed the urgency of agreeing on the large increase in the IMF structural adjustments facility proposed by M Michel Camdessus, the IMF managing director, and an early agreement on a capital increase for the World Bank.

COMMENT

Success of BP sale just a question of time

You might never guess it from the hype, but the £7.5 billion sale of British Petroleum shares presents the Government and its advisers with by far the most challenging task since British Telecom. Though Whitehall would scarely admit it, post-BT state share sales have all contained an element of giveaway to ensure success.

The BAA flotation broke new ground in this respect. The combination of a fixed price for private investors and a higher one for professionals exposed the giveaway element for all to see. This tactic is possible only with a primary issue of hitherto untraded stock. Where there is no established market price, one adviser's guess is almost as good as another's and who is to gainsay it? The BP sale is very different.

It is for the most part a secondary issue of shares owned by the Government. The much smaller primary issue of equity by the company has been swept up in the overall offering for the sake of convenience. In a nutshell, the problem is this. The army of new private investors has come to believe that an instant profit is guaranteed whenever the Government offers shares to the public. But how can there be an element of giveaway when BP's price is firmly established? Indeed the stock is one of the most widely followed in the London market with scores of highly paid analysts tracking the day-to-day progress of BP and the international industry in which it operates. To such animals, the sharply higher historic cost profits forecast yesterday are already old hat. Indeed, a further strong rise in profits next year is already built into the current BP share price.

It would be a break with established convention if the discount which normally accompanies secondary issues strays much more than 5 per cent from the market level at the time of sale. As a line of sales patter, 5 per cent off is hardly likely to raise an eyebrow, let alone set would-be buyers reaching for their cheque books. This time, the share sale will more than ever depend on the arithmetic underlying the three-stage structure of the issue.

It is worth running through a worked example to establish the possible size of the premium which might attach to the partly paid shares when dealings begin.

First some assumptions, which prior to the final pricing decision, are neccesarily my own. For ease of calculation assume BP shares, currently 374p, trade at the time of the offer at 360p and that a discount of roughly 5 per cent is chosen to give an offer price of 340p. We know that the 340p price will be payable in three instalments. Let us assume a down payment of 100p, followed by two later calls of 120p each.

Clearly there is a financial benefit in paying by instalments. Buyers will be able to leave 240p of the purchase price on deposit in a bank or building society earning interest until the calls become due. With the better building society products offering grossed-up returns of 12 per cent or more for the standard rate taxpayer, the instalment facility is clearly well worth having.

The first call will be 10 months after the initial sale and the second 18 months from first dealings. Assuming an interest rate of 12 per cent, the present value of the three payments will be about 310p in order to acquire an asset which we have assumed will have a market value of 360p. This 50p difference is a combination of the 5 per cent discount and the time value due to the staged payments. It is one measure of the premium which in theory might attach to the new BP shares in their 100p paid form when dealings commence.

There is another plus point: the present value of the one-for-10 loyalty bonus for shares if they are retained for three years. For private investors this might have an initial value of 2 per cent, depending on the probability of BP shares retaining today's level. This 50 per cent premium, it must be said, is an arithmetical valuation which takes no account of other factors. Some of these will tend to reduce the theoretical premium, some might even enhance it.

For example, the time value of the instalment facility will be different for individual investors with different tax positions and investment opportunities. But other things being equal, a 30 per cent premium looks a reasonable assumption.

But dominating everything will be the underlying attractiveness of the BP stock as a long-term investment as perceived by professional investors. Due to the longstanding presence of the Government as a substantial shareholder, most funds are underweight in their holdings of BP shares.

In short, there is a natural demand from existing institutional shareholders and many new ones will wish to take advantage of a favourable opportunity to invest for the first time in one of the world's leading oil companies. On yet another arithmetical note, the partly-paid structure means that investors will receive a worthwhile income boost. Dividends will be paid as if the stock is fully paid, producing a yield in year one of roughly 10 per cent. The yield on existing stock is barely half that.

Provided the oil price holds and there is no market shakeout, the BP sale should prove attractive for stags as well as long-term investors.

John Bell
City Editor

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Share Bought	Date Bought	Date Sold	Bought at	Sold at	Capital* after sale
Twinlock	3/6/83	5/10/83	41p	71p	£6,490
Hampton Trust	16/11/83	19/10/84	26p	35p	£8,343
Samuelson Group	14/11/84	23/1/85	458p	755p	£13,367

*An allowance of 4½% has been made for dealing costs.

After this major success you decided not to put all your eggs in one basket. So you spent £12,607 buying Lanca at 17½p, keeping back £760 to take a small plunge with WSL (another profitable prospect), buying 2000 shares at 38p. But whoops! Seeing the share drop to 37p after a month a *feeling of panic made you* sell — losing you £54. If you had waited a few more weeks you would have taken a profit of £290. Then on July 10, you decided to sell Lanca at 40p, yielding you £27,519, and you resolved to go back in at the earliest opportunity.

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Share Bought	Date Bought	Date Sold	Bought at	Sold at	Capital* after sale
Owen Owen	4/9/85	6/11/85	408p	538p	£46,158
Southend Stadium	13/11/85	11/12/85	77p	94p	£53,812
Connells Est Agts	11/12/85	19/2/86	187p	217p	£56,775
WPP Group	26/2/86	19/3/86	388p	478p	£78,561
Stat Plus Group	2/4/86	19/9/86	278p	349p	£94,474
Lee Cooper	1/10/86	7/1/87	238p	368p	£128,618
Nottingham Brick	7/1/87	11/2/87	387p	385p	£144,585
Wickes	11/2/87	25/3/87	248p	345p	£198,637

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt & Fixed	109.9	116.2●	-0.1	10.38
High Inc Equity	144.3	153.5e	-3.4	3.49
Worldwide Bond	183.5	195.2●	+1.2	4.97
American Growth	178.7	191.1	+1.7	0.70
Asian Pacific	98.0	104.2	+0.2	1.33
Assets & Earns	189.5	201.5	-3.9	0.58
Capital Reserve	73.4	74.1	+0.1	1.36
Comm & Energy	198.9	211.5	+0.7	
European Capital	97.3	103.5	+1.8	0.72
General	190.4	202.5	-4.0	2.22
Japan	88.6	94.2c	+1.1	..
UK Growth Inc	188.0	200.0c	-4.1	1.08
Do Accum	274.2	291.7e	-4.1	0.72
US Emerging Co's	56.2	59.7●	+0.4	0.00
Income & Growth	312.8	332.7	-6.6	2.27
Mastertrust Acc	90.4	96.1	-0.2	1.73
American Inc	54.0	57.4●	+0.5	4.58
AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD 401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE 01-837 6494				
Europe Growth Acc	135.0	143.8	..	0.94
Exempt	478.4	500.1●	..	3.77
Far Eastern	255.6	273.3●	..	0.10
Fin & Prop	110.4	117.0	..	1.55
High Yield	89.9	95.2	..	3.88
Income & Gth	368.2	387.9●	..	3.34
Int Earnings	241.5	256.8c	..	1.85
Intl Growth Inc	116.6	124.2●	..	0.23
Japan Growth Acc	140.4	150.2	..	0.20
Nth Amer Gth Inc	152.8	163.2	..	0.45
Preference Inc	124.5	132.2e	..	9.56
Small Co's Div Inc	109.3	115.6	..	3.13
Small Co's Gth	402.9	428.8●	..	1.08
Special Sits Inc	203.8	215.9	..	0.64
UK Growth	487.5	516.4e	..	2.08
BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS 20, Chiswell Street, London EC1 01-374 6801				
American	55.9	59.5	+2.0	1.56
Australian	36.8	39.0●	+0.1	0.09
Japan & General	155.0	164.9●	+0.9	0.03
High Income	70.0	74.5●	-0.6	4.15
International Trust	124.6	132.8	+0.6	0.42
Income Growth Tst	80.2	85.4	-0.9	3.55
Gilts & Fixed Int	22.1	23.6●	..	10.16
Global Inc Fund	47.7	50.8	+0.2	3.88
Special Situations	83.8	89.2	-0.7	1.02
BARCLAYS UNICORN Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 01-534 5544				
Do Accum	68.4	72.8	-0.8	1.70
Income Inc	69.0	73.4●	-0.6	2.36
Do Accum	70.0	74.5●	-0.6	2.36
Worldwide Inc	61.1	65.4	+0.2	0.89
Do Accum	61.2	65.5	+0.2	0.89
Gearing Fund Inc	49.4	52.6	-0.2	0.73
Do Accum	49.4	52.6	-0.2	0.73
COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD 161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU 01-726 1999				
Euro Grth S trst	79.8	84.6e	+1.3	0.81
Extra Income	282.4	287.0c	+13.6	3.80
Financial	270.7	288.4	-0.8	1.42
Sth East Asia Gth	99.0	104.7	+0.4	0.78
Gt Br Cos	423.6	448.2	-3.9	1.87
Income & Growth	63.7	67.4●	-0.3	2.73
Japanese Growth	249.8	264.8●	+7.0	0.20
Nth Amer Growth	126.8	133.1	+1.0	0.78
Intl Recovery	184.4	195.1	+0.1	1.18
Smaller Co's	418.2	443.6●	-0.4	1.02
Global Inc Tst	69.2	73.1●	-0.3	6.01
Special Sits Acc	458.4	486.7	-7.4	1.27
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 04862 5033				
American Trust	147.8	157.0	+1.6	0.84
Canadian Gth	23.6	25.1	+0.1	1.50
European Trust	142.1	151.2	+1.8	..
Growth Trust	331.4	352.5	-4.0	2.43
High Income Trust	389.1	413.9e	-4.7	3.94
Intl Tech Trust	144.1	153.3	-0.1	..
Japanese Trust	204.2	217.2	+1.3	..
CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL 0737-242424				
European Growth	68.1	72.5	+0.8	1.20
Euro Special Sits	50.7	54.0	+0.8	1.30
International	58.3	62.5	..	3.50
N American Growth	47.7	50.8	+0.5	1.00
Pacific Growth	68.8	73.2	+0.6	0.40
UK Growth Accum	91.8	97.7●	-0.9	0.50
Do Dist	89.6	95.4●	-0.8	0.50
UK Income	70.5	75.1●	-0.9	4.60
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh 031-226 3492				
American Fund	77.6	82.6	+0.5	1.21
Capital Fund	168.9	179.7	+0.4	0.86
Eurofund	30.6	32.5	+0.3	1.54
Growth & Inc Fund	201.0	239.8	+4.3	2.80
High Dist Fund	183.3	195.2	-0.8	3.45

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey La EC2 8BT 01-606 9085/6				
Str Dep Str Fund	73.6	74.7	..	0.00
US Govt Bond Fd	492.1	52.4	..	..
Challenger	50.8	51.0	-0.1	0.00
WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD 01-405 8331				
Conv & Equity	82.5	87.8	+0.1	4.14
Income	161.3	169.0●	+0.6	2.39
Growth	113.8	121.2●	+0.2	0.71
Property Shares	63.4	67.5	-0.9	1.44

The prices in this section refer to Thursday's trading

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group

November Brent traded a handful of deals yesterday as prices eased back ahead of the weekend. Physical cargoes continue to feature US buyers of sweet crudes, however European refiners are prefering the better value heavier grades. Products were quiet after Thursday's active market, prompting an early close to the week.

Crude oils/assessed $/BBL FOB

Brent Phys:	18.50	-25
15 day Oct:	18.60	-15
15 day Nov:	18.50	-15
WTI Nov:	19.55	-15
WTI Dec:	19.40	-10

PRODUCTS
Buy/sell ranges $/MT
Spot CIF Nwe - prompt deliver

Prem Gas .15: +1	178-180	+1
Gasoil EEC:	158-160	+1
Non 2H Sep: -1	157-158	-1
Non 1H Oct: -1	158-159	-1
3.5 Fuel Oil:	93-94	
Naphta: -2	158-159	-2

GAS OIL (G W Joynson)
Oct 158.75-58.50
Nov 160.75-60.50
Dec 162.50-62.25
Jan 163.75-63.25
Feb 163.75-62.50
Mar 164.50-62.00
Apr 164.00-60.00
May 164.00-58.00
Jun 166.00-56.00
Vol: 1368

HEAVY FUEL OIL (Reuters)
Oct 102.25
Nov 100.2-02.5
Vol: 0

LONDON FOX
G W Joynson and Co report

SUGAR (From C. Czarnikow)
FOB
Oct 140.8-40.0
Dec 150.0-47.4
Mar 159.4-59.0
May 162.6-62.2
Aug 166.0-65.6
Oct 172.8-69.6
Vol: 2388

COCOA
Sep 1203-197
Dec. 1239-237
Mar 1270-269
May 1270-269
Jul 1313-309
Sep 1332-331
Dec 1353-351
Vol: 1842

COFFEE
Sep 1260-256
Nov 1289-285
Jan 1315-319
Mar 1337-335
May 1357-350
Jul 1375-372
Sep 1400-392
Vol: 1468

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Official prices
Official Volume previous day
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in cents per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolf & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER GRADE A
Cash 1150.0-1151.0
Three Months . 1127.0-1127.5
Vol 212950
Tone .... Very Steady

STANDARD CATHODES
Cash 1145.0-1147.0
Three Months . 1123.0-1125.0
Vol .... Nil
Tone .... Idle

LEAD
Cash 368.00-368.50
Three Months . 382.50-383.00
Vol 63150
Tone .... Barely Steady

ZINC HIGH GRADE
Cash 464.00-465.00
Three Months . 467.50-468.00
Vol 41950
Tone .... Steady But Quiet

SILVER LARGE
Cash 753.00-756.00
Three Months . 767.00-769.00
Vol 47
Tone .... Idle

SILVER SMALL
Cash 753.00-756.00
Three Months . 767.00-769.00
Vol .... Nil
Tone .... Idle

ALUMINIUM
Cash 1179.0-1180.0
Three Months . 1092.0-1093.0
Vol 201825
Tone .... Firm But Quiet

ALUMINIUM HIGH GRADE
($ per tonne)
Three Months . 1805.0-1815.0
Vol 2250
Tone .... Idle

NICKEL
Cash 3285-3290
Three Months 3294-3295
Vol 1794
Tone .... Steadier

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 25
GB: Cattle, 96.08p per kg lw (-0.87)
GB: Sheep 160.35p per kg* (+0.75)
GB: Pigs, 71.12p per kg lw (-2.84)
* est. dead carcase weight

England & Wales: Cattle down 0.8 %, av price, 95.79p(-0.72)
Sheep up 9.2 %, av price, 161.55p(+0.78)
Pig down 7.3 %, av price, 71.12p(-2.84)

Scotland: Cattle down 19.7 %, av price, 98.66p(-1.43)
Sheep up 7.4 %, av price, 153.88p(+0.47)
Pig n.a %, av price, n.a

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig Contract p. per kg

Month	Open	Close
Oct	98.50	98.50
Nov	101.00	101.00
Feb	96.50	96.50
Apr	96.50	96.50
		Vol: 0

Live Cattle Contract p. per kg

Month	Open	Close
Oct	96.80	97.00
Nov	97.80	97.80
Feb	97.80	97.80
		Vol: 11

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Nov	106.05	102.30
Jan	107.95	104.20
Mar	110.00	106.20
May	112.80	107.70
Jul	115.00	unq.

Vol: Wheat 191
Barley 259

SOYABEAN
Oct 129.2-28.8
Dec 129.3-28.7
Feb 130.5-29.5
Apr 131.5-30.5
Jun 126.5-25.5
Aug 125.5-23.0
Oct 128.0-25.0
Vol: 226

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Nov	83.50	83.10
Feb	95.50	97.00
Mar	87.00	85.50
Apr	133.10	133.20
		Vol: 458

BIFFEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd Dry Cargo Report ($10 per point)

	High/Low	Close
Oct 87	1130-1120	1125.0
Jan 88	1180-1168	1174.0
Apr 88	1230-1200	1230.0
Jul 88	----	1077.5

Vol: 288 lots Open int: 1774
Spot market commentary:
Dry cargo index:
1038.5 up 5.5 on 24/9/87

THIRD MARKET

1987 High	1987 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Change
440	180	Abelscot Group	400	430	n/c
54½	10	Aberdeen Am Petrol	48	51	n/c
150	110	Allied Insurance	140	150	n/c
285	121	Broadcast Commun	208	218	+8
98	36	Catalyst Comm	93	97	n/c
150	24	Corton Beach	125	130	n/c
63	10	Eglinton Oil Ireland	22	24	-2
41	8	Do. Warrants	15	17	+1
82	17	Publishing Holdings	59	62	+1
85½	45½	Theme Holdings	71	74	n/c
139½	112½	Unit Group	137f	142f	f

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Strong recovery

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)
ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began September 14. Dealings ended yesterday. §Contango day Monday. Settlement day October 5.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES PAGE 26)

Portfolio —Gold—

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Really Useful	Leisure	
2	Brunning	Paper,Print,Adv	
3	Hartwell Plc	Motors,Aircraft	
4	Cattles	Banks,Discount	
5	Dee (aa)	Foods	
6	Wolseley	Industrials S-Z	
7	Audio Fidelity	Electricals	
8	Tricentrol	Oil & Gas	
9	Burmah (aa)	Oil & Gas	
10	Metal Closures	Industrials L-R	
11	Hambro Countrywd	Property	
12	Barratt Devs	Buildings,Roads	
13	Ellis & Goldstein	Drapery,Stores	
14	Yorkshire Chem	Chemicals,Plas	
15	Helene Of London	Drapery,Stores	
16	Diploma	Industrials A-D	
17	Harris Queensway	Drapery,Stores	
18	Caradon	Buildings,Roads	
19	Countryside	Buildings,Roads	
20	Quick (HJ)	Motors,Aircraft	
21	Baynes (Charles)	Industrials A-D	
22	Slough Estates	Property	
23	Spring Ram	Industrials S-Z	
24	Bank Of Wales	Banks,Discount	
25	Geest	Foods	
26	Spirax-Sarco	Industrials S-Z	
27	Sears (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
28	RHM (aa)	Foods	
29	Young 'A'	Breweries	
30	Sumrie Clothes	Drapery,Stores	
31	Wace	Paper,Print,Adv	
32	Markheath	Property	
33	Remokil	Chemicals,Plas	
34	Dawson	Textiles	
35	Charter Cons	Industrials A-D	
36	Pentland Ind	Industrials L-R	
37	Hawker Siddly (aa)	Industrials E-K	
38	Lon Intl	Industrials L-R	
39	Adwest	Industrials A-D	
40	Euro Ferries 5% Pf	Industrials E-K	
41	Nat West (aa)	Banks,Discount	
42	Clarkson (H)	Shipping	
43	Triefus	Industrials S-Z	
44	Kalon	Industrials E-K	
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Weekly Dividend						
Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in today's newspaper.						
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

Portfolio —Gold—

DAILY DIVIDEND	WEEKLY DIVIDEND
£12,000	£8,000
Claims required for +42 points	Claims required for +243 points

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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

1987 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
102¼	95½	Treas 12%	1987	100⅛	..	12.0	10.051
99¾	95¾	Treas 7¾%	1985-88	99¼	..	7.8	9.679
102¼	95	Exch 10½%	1988	100	..	10.5	10.304
101⅝	95½	Treas C9¾%	1988	99½	..	9.8	10.321
97⅛	92¾	Treas 3%	1978-88	96½	..	3.1	7.686
101⅞	94½	Treas 9½%	1988	99¼ ●	..	9.6	10.280
105¼	95½	Treas 11½%	1989	101⅝	..	11.3	10.300
104⅛	96⅞	Treas 10½%	1989	100⅛	..	10.5	10.300
103⅛	95¼	Exch 10%	1989	99⅜	..	10.1	10.295
106	99⅛	Exch 10¼%	1989	100½	..	10.2	9.954
105¾	95	Exch 11%	1989	101¼ ●	..	10.9	10.287
95⅛	88⅞	Treas 5%	1986-89	93¼ ●	..	5.4	8.757
102¼	93¾	Treas C9½%	1989	99 ●	..	9.6	10.212
94⅛	88⅞	Treas 3%	1989	93½	..	3.2	7.531
111	103¼	Treas 13%	1990	105½	..	12.3	10.139
106½	95	Exch 11%	1990	101⅞	..	10.8	10.226
110¾	98½	Exch 12½%	1990	104¾	..	11.9	10.246
91⅝	84¼	Treas 3%	1990	88⅞	+⅛	3.4	7.931
100	93¼	Treas 8¼%	1987-90	95½	..	8.6	10.142
105	94¾	Treas 10%	1990	99¼ ●	+⅛	10.1	10.252

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

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BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
560	421	Midland (aa)	550	566	r +3	27.6	5.0	7.2
578	360	Morgan Grenfell	540	545	● +2	14.9	2.7	14.0
280	142	Nat Aust Bk	264	268	r +3			
790	536	Nat West (aa)	753	757	+7	29.5	3.9	7.7
320	123	Ottoman	320	..	+20	8.00	2.5	10.4
440	278	Provident	375	380	● -1	18.5	4.9	13.1
152	135	Rea Bros	146	156	● +1	2.0	1.3	28.8
216	127	Rothschild (J) Hdr	207	210	r ..	8.2	3.9	11.1
449	280	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	408	412	+3	15.6	3.8	10.3
17	705	Schroders	15¼	16¼	● -⅛	22.6	1.4	24.5
843	728	Stand Chart (aa)	825	832	● +1	48.0	5.8	10.3
148	130	TSB (aa)	138	140	+½	6.5	4.7	..
10⅛	680	Union	933	945	-1	63.0	6.7	10.9
529	336	Warburg SG	500	503	+6	..	..	..
179	122	Do 6% 'A'	171	174	● +7	8.2	4.7	..
37⅝	27⅞	Wells Fargo	103⅞		-⅛	f	..	
530	290	Wintrust	510	530	● ..	8.5	1.6	20.5

BREWERIES

1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
471	317	Allied-Lyons (aa)	434	437	+11	15.8	3.6	12.9
10½	729	Bass (aa)	9⅞	10	+⅛	24.1	2.4	18.5
77	51	Belhaven	63	65	..	1.0	1.6	23.0
151½	124	Boddington	134	136	-3	5.1	3.8	14.8
710	537	Brown (Matthew)	698	703	-1	20.2b	2.9	24.4
212	131	Buckleys	205	210	..	4.4	2.1	64.2
238	141	Bulmer (H P)	216	222	-2	7.9	3.6	15.6
195	165	Burtonwood Brew	175	180	s -1	4.0	2.2	28.8
535	440	Clark (Matthew)	521	531	●	12.3	2.3	17.6
352	202	Devenish (JA)	338	345	+2	4.0	1.2	47.3
279½	187	Greenall Whitley	235	238	+5	7.8	3.3	14.3
425	259	Greene King	413	417	+1	8.9	2.1	21.3
390	284	Guinness (aa)	363	367	+8	12.6b	3.5	13.0
795	473	Hardys & Hansons	780	800	..	26.4	3.3	17.4
94	68	Highland Dist	89	91	..	3.1	3.4	17.4
223	138	Invergordon Dist	208	212	● ..	7.5	3.6	13.7
225	145	Irish Distil	227	232	..	6.0	2.6	..
154	113	Marston Thompson	138	141	-½	3.5	2.5	17.7
603	345	Morland	555	565	..	9.9	1.8	27.2
470	131	SA Breweries	425	440	..			
284½	178	Scot & New (aa)	256	259	+3½	10.9	4.2	14.3
580	485	Vaux	542	550	..	18.6	3.4	19.3
385	272	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	323	327	+5	12.2	3.8	13.7
400	248	Do 'B'	380	390	..	12.2	3.2	16.2
365	210	Whitbread Inv	328	337	..	11.3	3.4	38.7
405	277½	Wolverhampton & D	382	385	+1	7.0	1.8	22.2
477	274	Young 'A'	460	470	+5	11.6	2.5	27.1

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
460	193	Abbey	445	465	● -5			
297	222	Aberdeen Constr	263	265	..	12.1	4.6	20.9
449	270	Amec	393		+2	16.8	4.3	14.6
88½	28	Anglo Utd	55	67	● ..	1.4	2.1	
147	68	Arncliffe	140	150		3.8	2.6	34.0
398	217	Atwoods	378	382	+4	8.2	2.2	21.1
882	329	BPB Ind (aa)	349	353	+11	8.6	2.5	15.2
310	97	Baggeridge Brick	300	310	+8	2.7	0.9	41.2
94	31	Bailey (Ben) Constr	68	69	..	0.9	1.3	13.6
252	158	Barratt Devs	230		+7	12.2	5.3	15.1
327	180	Bellway	285	289	-1	10.3	3.6	15.2
305	129	Bellwinch	142	147	-3	4.4	3.0	12.7
530	134	Berkeley Gp	430	438	..	3.4	0.8	25.2
148	85	Bett Bros	118	123	-1	4.5	3.7	33.3
23	137	Blockleys	475	525	..	7.4	1.5	41.8
574	335	Blue Circle (aa)	452	457	● +2	18.5	4.1	12.2
425	200	Breedon PLC	238	258	+3	8.2	3.3	
241	86	Br Dredging	210	218	-1	5.5	2.6	30.8
81	14½	Brown & Jackson	58	57½	+2			
180½	79	Bryant	140	142	+1	3.8	2.7	14.4

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1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
148	67	TSL Group	92	96		e	..	16.0
510	370	Tace	430	450	-10	11.9	2.7	14.6
155½	49½	Takeda Chem	135¼		-1½	..		
51	8	Talbex	50	51½	t +1½			
218	77	Telfos	172	177	● ..	5.7	3.3	26.8
186	34	Tex Hldgs	178	183	..	6.9	3.8	25.5
290	135	Third Mile	270	280		4.1	1.5	21.8
876	385	Thomson T-Line	765	775	● -3	3.1	0.4	
313	214	Tomkins (FH)	305	308	● +1	4.1	1.3	19.9
435	293	Trafalgar Hse (aa)	403	407	+20	18.5	4.6	15.1
280	200	Transcontinental	260	270	..	9.8	3.6	18.0
297	208	Transport Dev	283	285	● ..	10.6	3.7	17.8
65	20½	Trawood	48	49		e	..	..
123	31	Triefus	117	120	+4	1.4	1.2	22.8
218	117	Triplex	205	238	● +9	4.5	2.2	18.3
175	84	Unigroup	167	172	+1	1.6	0.9	33.0
770	435	Unilever (aa)	640	645	+8	14.0	2.2	22.1
138	94	Unilever (NV)	123		+½	..		..
74	23	Utd Guarantee	53	55	+4			
655	197	VSEL	645	650	+2	11.0	1.7	15.2
246	160	Vickers	222	225	+15			14.9
225	78	Victor Products	153	163	● ..	4.8	3.0	19.3
231	137	Vinten	228	234	● +6	4.5	1.9	21.6
149¾	110	Volkswagen	128		-¾			
260	145	Wade Potteries	210	215	+5	5.4	2.5	20.6
473	257	Wagon Ind	443	452	● -1	13.7	3.1	14.1
188	80	Walker Greenbank	160	165	+7	2.1	1.3	31.5
137½	97½	Waterford Glass	127	129	● +4	1.9	1.5	16.7
259	123	Weir	235	240	+2	5.1	2.1	27.7
569	232	Wellcome (aa)	567	570	+32	2.9	0.5	69.9
79½	40½	Wellman	60½	61½		..	..	10.4
131	71	Westmex	80	85	+2			
450	308	Whatman Reeve	425	435	..	4.3	1.0	22.2
134	90	Whessoe	114	118	+2	7.9e	6.8	10.3
390	249	Whitecroft	368	368		13.7	3.8	15.8
265	118	Whites (James)	211	221	-1	9.7	4.5	13.9
10⅞	585	Williams Hldgs	10⅛	10⅜	● .	27.4b	2.7	20.5
230	161	Wills Gp	210	215	+1	8.8	4.1	16.1
708	585	Wolseley	655	658	+1	17.1	2.6	15.9
270	78	Wood (Arthur)	235	245	..	3.6	1.5	37.2
162	92	Wood (SW)	135	139	-3	..	..	76.1
125	82	Woodhouse & Rix	119	123	● ..	4.1	3.4	14.7
337	118	Wyndham Eng	258	263	..	2.5	1.0	27.2
422	278	Yarr & Valor	355	359	-1	10.0b	2.8	
179	137	Young (H)	156	159	.	5.1	3.2	15.9

INSURANCE

1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
344½	220	Abbey Life (aa)	325	327	..	11.0	3.4	..
19½	13⅜	Alex & Alex	14⅛	15⅛	● +⅛	100	6.6	..
794	530	Allianz Vers	685		-7			..
28⅝	20¼	Am Gen	23			89.0	3.9	
393	203	Bradstock	350	355	● -2	5.6	1.6	27.7
985	902	Britannic	12⅛	12⅜	●	53.4	4.4	..
416	222	Com Union (aa)	411	413	● +1	19.3	4.7	..
423	305	Equity & Law	428	432	+16	11.0	2.6	
368	180	FAI	360	375	s ..			
11⅛	830	Gen Accident (aa)	11	11	..	41.8	3.8	27.8
11⅛	757½	GRE (aa)	10⅝	10¾	..	53.4	5.0	31.1
558	437	Heath C E	513	515	+6	34.2	6.7	14.1
554	71	Hogg Rob & Gar	220	222	+7	9.6	4.3	17.4
385	263	Legal & Gen (aa)	357	362	+13	14.1	3.9	45.9
369	287	London & Man	343	347	+5	9.8	2.8	49.0
829	565	Lon Utd Inv	790	795	● +3	28.8	3.6	15.7
46½	34⅛	Marsh & McLen	39¼	39¾	+¼	22.0	5.6	..
443	236	Minet	403	407	+10	13.4	3.3	15.0

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1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
390	193	Beale (John)	340	350	● ..	7.5	2.2	11.0
175	102	Beckman (A)	163	168	.	7.9	4.8	19.3
108	24	Bolton	71	76	-2			51.4
236	137	Br Mohair	234	237	● +7	8.1	3.9	12.7
126	63	Corah	118	122	+6	5.5	4.6	34.2
532	304	Courtaulds (aa)	529	531	+9	13.0	2.5	13.8
210	130	[illegible]	172	182	●	4.1	2.3	
238	145	Crowther (J)	203	206	● +2	5.1	2.5	12.3
351	246	Dawson	327	330	+2	9.5	2.9	16.5
221	97	Drummond	138	144	s -1	1.7	1.2	22.2
166	69	Foster (John)	137	140	.	4.8	3.5	45.0
240	113	Gaskell Broadloom	228	238	● +6	8.5	3.6	13.2
99	37	Hicking Pentecost	74	77				31.7
223	113	Illingworth	214	217	.	5.5	2.5	17.9
340	117	Jerome (S)	285	295	-5	5.9	2.0	19.4
399	203	Lamont	388	390	● +1	7.5	1.9	20.3
365	171½	Leeds	355	365	-5	8.6b	2.4	21.3
240	142	Lister	188	198	● +1	4.1	2.1	11.0
162	109	Lyles (S)	141	144	● ..	7.9	5.5	16.1
323	118	Mackay (Hugh)	295	310		8.2	2.7	25.2
67	11	Munton	50	55	-3		..	..
240	116	Parkland 'A'	235	240	.	6.9	2.9	17.2
110½	44½	Readicut	109	111	+4½	3.0	2.7	18.4
205	109	SEET	195	200	● -2	7.3	3.7	16.1
198	118	Sekers	160	165	● ..	3.6	2.2	12.0
176	128	Sirdar	154	157	.	7.1	4.6	21.3
205	70	Smallshaw (R)	175	205	● ..	3.8	2.0	17.5
83½	34½	Stoddard 'A'	78	83	● ..	1.8	2.2	9.7
253	80	Textured Jersey	232	237	● +4	8.2	3.5	19.7
545	246	Tomkinsons	540	550	+5	6.5	1.2	26.3
157	105	Toray	153	155	+3	5.8	3.8	19.3
338	70	West Trust	275	285	● -10	6.9	2.5	
378	220	Yorklyde	305	315	-25	10.3	3.3	12.7

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1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
692	452	BAT (aa)	685	690	● +9	21.0	3.1	16.3
183	118	Carroll	170	180	●			
441	236	Rothmans 'B'	438	442	● +21	10.8	2.4	12.2

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data

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Year ended *31 DECEMBER*	M&G *RECOVERY*	F T ORDINARY INDEX	RETAIL PRICE INDEX	BUILDING *SOCIETY*
23 May '69	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000
1970	5,880	4,285	5,510	5,658
1975	13,200	5,560	10,641	8,894
1980	51,280	8,644	20,087	15,069
1985	135,400	24,737	27,617	25,471
1 Sep '87	325,120	40,139	29,329	29,376*

NOTES All figures include reinvested income net of basic-rate tax. The Building Society figures are based on an extra-interest account offering 3% above the average yearly rate (source: Building Societies Association). M&G Recovery figures are all realisation values. *Estimated

FURTHER INFORMATION On 23rd September 1987 offered prices and estimated gross current yields were

	Income	*Accumulation*	*Yield*
Recovery Fund	670·8p	886·8p	2·24%
Dividend Fund	664·9p	2018·7p	3·63%
SECOND General	*1160·4p*	2347·4p	2·45%

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	Recovery	Dividend	SECOND
Distributions	20 Feb *20 Aug*	15 Jan *15 July*	15 Feb *15 Aug*
Applications required by for next distribution on	18 Dec '87 20 Feb '88	20 Nov '87 15 Jan '88	4 Dec '87 15 Feb '88

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COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE TABLE. £5,000 invested in Income units at the launch of M&G Dividend Fund on 6th May, 1964, compared with a similar investment in a Building Society.

Year ended 31 DECEMBER	INCOME		CAPITAL	
	M&G DIVIDEND	BUILDING SOCIETY	M&G DIVIDEND	BUILDING SOCIETY
6 May '64	–	–	£5,000	£5,000
1965	£198	£343	5,100	5,000
1970	231	400	5,380	5,000
1975	414	511	8,150	5,000
1980	830	675	12,140	5,000
1985	1,139	529	32,580	5,000
1 Sep '87	1,600	417*	59,940	5,000

NOTES All income figures shown are net of basic-rate tax. *The Building Society income figures are 3% above the average of the rates* offered in each year (source: Building Societies Association). M&G Dividend capital figures are all realisation values. * Estimated for the year.

Balanced SECOND GENERAL

M&G SECOND General Trust Fund aims for consistent growth of both capital and income and has a 31-year performance record which is second to none. It has a wide spread of shares mainly in British companies.

COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE TABLE. Value of £5,000 invested at the launch of M&G SECOND General on 5th June, 1956, with net income reinvested.

Year ended 31 DECEMBER	M&G SECOND	F.T. ORDINARY INDEX	RETAIL PRICE INDEX	BUILDING SOCIETY
5 June '56	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000
1960	9,760	10,040	5,646	6,673
1965	15,660	13,115	6,746	9,253
1970	23,240	15,270	8,571	13,375
1975	39,920	19,810	16,553	21,027
1980	97,700	30,800	31,247	35,626
1985	273,000	88,120	42,959	60,217
1 Sep '87	526,160	142,990	45,622	69,449*

NOTES All figures include reinvested income net of basic-rate tax. The Building Society figures are based on an extra-interest account offering 3% *above the average yearly rate (source. Building Societies Association).* M&G SECOND General figures are all realisation values. *Estimated.

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	Nominal rate	Compounded return at tax rates 27%	45%	60%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS							
Ordinary Dep A/c[1]	3.75	3.79	2.86	2.08	1 min	0-7 day	—
Girobank	3.00	3.02	2.28	1.65	1 min	7 day	01-600 6020
Fixed Term Deposits:							
National Westminster	6.75	6.75	5.09	3.70	10,000-24,999	1 mth	01-726 1000
" " "	6.88	6.88	5.18	3.77	10,000-24,999	6 mth	01-726 1000
Midland	6.30	6.30	4.75	3.45	10,000-24,999	1 mth	01-260 8000
" " "	6.58	6.58	4.96	3.61	10,000-24,999	6 mth	01-260 8000
BUILDING SOCIETIES							
Ordinary A/c	5.00	5.06	3.61	2.77	1 min	—	—
Britannia[2]	7.15	7.15	5.39	3.92	250 min	—	—
Bradford & Bingley[2]	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	—	—
Cheltenham & Glouc[2]	7.75	7.75	5.84	4.25	5,000 min	—	—
Northern Rock[2]	8.05	8.05	6.07	4.41	10,000 min	—	—
Nationwide Non-Resid[2]	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	1 min	—	—
MONEY FUNDS							
Aitken Hume Monthly Inc	6.96	7.18	5.41	3.93	1,000 min	—	01-638 6070
Allied Arab HICA	7.34	7.59	5.72	4.16	3,000 min	—	01-629 6802
Bank Of Scotland	6.84	7.07	5.33	3.87	2,500 min	—	01-626 8060
Barclays High Rate Dep	6.75	6.92	5.22	3.79	1,000 min	—	01-626 1567
" " "	7.00	7.19	5.42	3.94	10,000 min	—	01-626 1567
Britannia High Interest	6.77	6.99	5.27	3.38	2,500 min	—	01-588 2777
Citibank Money Mkt Plus‡	6.50	6.70	5.04	3.56	2,000 min	—	01-741 4941
HFC Trust & Savings	7.50	7.64	5.76	4.19	5,000 min	—	01-236 8391
Henderson Cheque A/c	6.84	7.07	5.33	3.87	2,500 min	—	01-638 5757
L & G High Int Deposit	6.81	6.93	5.22	3.80	1,000 min	1 mth	01-388 3211
Lloyds Investment A/c‡[6]	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	*5,000 min*	*3 mth*	*01-407 1000*
Lloyds HICA‡	6.00	6.17	4.65	3.38	1,000 min	—	01-407 1000
M&G HICA	6.67	6.89	5.19	3.78	2,500 min	—	01-626 4588
Midland HICA	6.60	6.77	5.08	3.67	2,000 min	—	0742 52800
" "	7.00	7.19	5.42	3.94	10,000 min	—	0742 52800
Nat West Special Reserve	*6.88*	7.06	5.32	3.87	*2,000 min*	—	*01-726 1000*
" " "	7.00	7.19	5.42	3.94	10,000 min	—	01-726 1000
Oppenheimer Money Mngmt	7.05	7.22	5.44	3.96	1,000 min	1 mth	01-236 9362
" " "	7.15	7.32	5.52	4.01	10,000 min	1 mth	01-236 9362
Phillips & Drew HICA	6.96	7.14	5.38	3.91	2,500 min	—	01-628 9771
Provincial Trust Chq A/c	*7.53*	*7.80*	*5.88*	*4.27*	*1,000 min*	—	*061-9289011*
Royal Bk Of Scot Prem A/c	6.77	6.95	5.24	3.81	2,500 min	—	031-5570201
S & P Classic	6.55	6.77	5.10	3.71	500 min	—	0708 66966
Schroder Wagg	6.77	6.98	5.26	3.82	2,500 min	—	0705 827733
Tyndall Call	7.07	7.26	5.47	3.98	2,500 min	—	0272 732241
Tyndall 7-day	6.88	7.05	5.31	3.86	2,500 min	—	0272 732241
UDT 7-day	6.68	6.85	5.16	3.75	5,000 min	7 day	01-626 4661
Western Trust	7.15	7.39	5.57	4.05	2,500 min	1 mth	0752 261161
NATIONAL SAVINGS							
Ordinary A/c[3]	6.00	6.17	4.65	3.38	1-10,000	8 day	041-6494555
Investment A/c*	10.00	7.30	5.50	4.00	5-100,000	1 mth	041-6494555
Income Bond*	10.50	7.67	5.78	4.20	*2,000-100,000*	3 mth	*0253 66151*
Deposit Bond*	10.50	7.67	5.78	4.20	100-100,000	3 mth	041-6494555
33rd Issue Cert*†	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	25-1,000	8 day	091-3864900
Yearly Plan†	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	20-200/mth	14 day	091-3864900
General Extension Rate†	7.02	7.02	7.02	7.02			
Retail Price Index: Aug	*102.1*	*102.1*	*102.1*	*102.1*			
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS							
FPS (Management) Ltd	9.10	9.10	7.46	6.10	1,000 min	1 yr	0992 30488
FPS (Management) Ltd	8.80	8.80	7.27	5.98	1,000 min	2 yrs	0992 30488
FPS (Management) Ltd	8.80	8.80	7.32	6.05	1,000 min	3 yrs	0992 30488
FPS (Management) Ltd	8.80	8.80	7.35	6.11	1,000 min	4 yrs	0992 30488
Cannon Lincoln	*8.25*	*8.25*	*6.77*	*5.53*	*2,000 min*	*5 yrs*	*01-902 8876*
LOCAL AUTHORITY TOWN HALL BONDS[5]							
Kirklees	6.75	6.75	5.09	3.70	500 min	1 yr	01-407 2767
Bristol	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	2 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	3 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	4 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	*7.50*	*7.50*	*5.65*	*4.11*	*1,000 min*	5 yrs	*01-407 2767*
Bristol	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	6 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	7 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	8 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	9 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	*7.50*	*7.50*	*5.65*	*4.11*	1,000 min	10 yrs	01-407 2767
FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS							
Sterling	8.90	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
US Dollar	6.12	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
Yen	3.14	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
D Mark	2.90	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
French Franc	*6.64*	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
Swiss Franc	3.18	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741

*Interest taxable, paid gross † Tax free ‡ Higher returns for larger balances [1] All major banks, other banks may differ [2] Societies chosen based on high street presence, higher rates can sometimes be obtained from smaller societies - contact Chase de Vere Moneyline 01-404 5766 [3] 3 per cent for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 or less [4] Additional holdings up to £5,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates [5] Liable to variation [6] Charge for instant access Research: Deborah Benn

KEY RATES

Retail Prices index (August '86 to August '87)
+4.4

Mortgage rate*
11.25%

Bank base rate
10%

Bank prime overdraft rate*
13%-18% APR

Personal loan rate*
19.7% APR

Credit card rate*
23.8% APR

Hire purchase rate*[1]
28% APR

Bank deposit account
3.75%

Building society ordinary account
5%

High-interest cheque account*
7.00

Holiday exchange rates*

Spanish peseta	195
French franc	9.78
Greek drachma	221
Italian lira	2120

* Typical rates
[1] £1,000 over 12 months
APR = annual percentage rate

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BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	10.00%
Adam & Company	10.00%
BCCI	10.00%
Consolidated Crds	10.00%
Co-operative Bank	10.00%
C. Hoare & Co	10.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	10.00%
Lloyds Bank	10.00%
Nat Westminster	10.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	10.00%
TSB	10.00%
Citibank NA	10.00%

UNIT LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 401, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE 01-837 6494 Life Funds				
Squirrel	11.21	11.80	+0.01	..
Bear	13.00	13.69	-0.03	..
Owl	17.68	18.63	-0.13	..
Bull	15.75	16.58	-0.06	..
Stag	15.68	16.51	..	..
Gilt Edged	11.51		-0.02	..
Deposit	10.5		+ ..	..
Pensions				
Squirrel	12.34	12.99	+0.01	..
Bear	15.24	16.05	+0.01	..
Owl	22.80	24.03	-0.10	..
Bull	19.23	20.25	-0.02	..
Stag	19.24	20.26	+0.03	..
Gilt Edged	12.1		..	..
Deposit	11.15		+0.02	..
Exempt App Mixed	208.2	212.4	-0.56	..
ABBEY LIFE 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292373				
Property Fund Inc	220.9	232.5	+0.3	..
Do Accum	308.1	324.4	+0.5	..
Equity Fund Income	147.4	155.2	+1.0	..
Do Accum	163.1	171.7	+1.1	..
Selective Fund	300.6	316.5	+1.0	..
Money Fund	232.4	244.7	+0.4	..
Prop Fd Ser 4	241.7	254.5	+0.3	..
Equity Ser 4	159.0	167.4	+1.0	..
Man Ser 4	425.2	447.6	+2.2	..
Conv Ser 4	208.2	219.2	+0.3	..
Money Ser 4	208.1	219.1	+0.3	..
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	192.0	202.2	+1.4	..
American Ser 4	288.0	303.2	+2.5	..
High Inc Ser 4	423.9	446.3	+3.0	..
Indexed Inv Ser 4	113.0	119.0	-0.5	..
Japan Ser 4	264.5	278.5	-4.0	..
ALBANY LIFE 3, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	£10.22	10.76	+0.13	..
European Fd Accum	240.2	252.8	-2.1	..
Fixed Int Acc	311.5	327.9	+2.9	..
Gtd Money Fd Acc	212.9	224.1	+0.2	..
Intl Man Fd Acc	381.4	401.4	+0.1	..
Int Fxd Int Fd Acc	192.5	202.6	+0.3	..
Japan Fund	294.6	310.1	-1.9	..
Nth American Fd Acc	177.4	186.7	-5.8	..
Prop Fd Acc	230.2	242.3	+3.6	..
Multiple Inv Acc	659.7	694.4	+5.5	..
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Allied Dunbar Assurance Swindon SN1 1EL 0793-28291				
Fixed Int Dep Accum	235.4	247.8	+0.3	..
Equity Accum	852.2	897.1	+15.8	..
Property Accum	354.6	373.3	+0.1	..
Far East Accum	194.8	205.1	+0.5	..
Managed Capital	379.4	399.4	+8.0	..
Do Accum	634.9	668.4	+10.3	..
Overseas Accum	571.8	601.9	+10.1	..
Gilt Edged Accum	284.2	299.2	+3.1	..
Amer Equity Accum	409.2	430.8	+0.1	..
Amer Man Accum	191.6	201.7	..	..
Amer Prop Accum	124.6	131.2	..	..
BALTIC ASSURANCE 25-26 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4AD 01-493 9899				
Managed Growth	364.0	383.2	+6.36	..
Managed Income	169.0	177.9	+4.32	..
International	267.8	281.9	+2.98	..
High Income	246.4	259.4	+6.01	..
Income & Growth	333.4	350.9	+14.83	..
Basic Resource	142.5	150.0	+1.79	..
American	210.7	221.8	-5.31	..
Japan & General	472.4	497.2	+2.81	..
Special Situations	322.7	339.7	+20.83	..
BARCLAYS LIFE 252, Romford Rd, London E7 9JB 01-534 5544				
Equity Accum	634.5	667.9	+2.6	..
Do Initial	540.4	568.9	+2.1	..
Gilt Edged Accum	216.8	228.3	-0.3	..
Do Initial	185.3	195.4	-0.1	..
International Accum	306.7	322.9	+4.0	..
Do Initial	261.9	275.7	+3.5	..
Managed Accum	382.1	402.3	+1.9	..
Do Initial	326.8	344.1	+1.6	..
Money Accum	184.2	193.9	..	..
Do Initial	152.5	160.6	..	..
Property Accum	216.6	228.0	..	..
Do Initial	183.2	192.9	..	..
America Accum	201.4	212.0	+4.9	..
Do Initial	174.8	184.1	+4.2	..
Australia Accum	266.2	280.3	+2.1	..
Do Initial	231.7	243.9	+1.8	..
Financial Accum	291.9	307.3	+0.5	..
Do Initial	253.5	266.9	+0.5	..
500 Accum	339.6	357.5	+2.0	..
Do Initial	290.7	306.1	+1.7	..
Japan &Gen Acc 2	391.8	412.5	+0.8	..
Do Initial 2	333.5	351.1	+0.7	..
Income Accum	343.4	361.5	-0.7	..
Do Initial	296.8	312.5	-0.7	..
Leisure Accum	215.6	227.0	+1.8	..
Special Sits Accum	200.0	210.6	..	..
Univ Tech Accum	124.2	130.8	+1.9	..
Do Initial	110.4	116.3	+1.7	..
BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House Chatham 8 Kent ME4 4QF 0634 405161				
The Managed Fund	490.86		+7.89	..
Income Fund	487.5	513.2	+3.95	..
Extra Income Fund	458.6	482.8	+8.59	..
Worldwide Grwth Fd	386.2	406.5	+1.65	..
Balanced Fund	431.7	454.5	+8.42	..
Smlr Co's & Rc Fd	660.9	695.7	+9.12	..
Int Technology Fund	379.2	399.2	-15.38	..
N Amer & Gen Fund	249.0	262.1	-1.41	..
Energy Int Fund	141.9	149.4	-5.64	..
Pacific Basin Fund	335.6	353.2	+3.38	..
German Growth Fd	135.7	142.8	-3.47	..
Japan Growth Fd	175.5	184.8	-0.03	..
The UK Gth Fd	152.3	160.3	+1.46	..
Cond Euro Gth	106.7	112.3	-2.37	..
Property Fund	191.6	201.7	+0.07	..
Fixed Interest Fund	196.8	207.2	+4.07	..
Cash Fund	177.0	186.3	+0.21	..
Managed Inv Fund	314.0	330.5	+4.91	..
CANADA LIFE 2-6, High St, Potters Bar, Herts P Bar 51122				
Equity Growth	194.8		..	..
Managed	217.3	228.8	+0.9	..
Property	134.2	141.2	+0.1	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	141.1	148.5	+0.6	..
Index-Linked	113.0	119.0	+1.5	..
Equity	259.2	272.8	+1.1	..

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Cash	144.4	152.0	+0.1	..
Midland Bk UT	239.4	252.0	+0.4	..
Midland Bk Int	257.5	271.1	+2.1	..
CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 01-902 8876				
Equity Units	£97.77		+1.36	..
Property Units	£24.88		..	..
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£41.71	44.14	+0.42	..
2nd Equity Accum	447.8	473.9	+5.9	..
2nd High Inc/Accum	392.1	414.9	+0.7	..
2nd Property Accum	233.3	246.9	..	..
2nd Managed 2 Acc	114.8	121.5	+0.3	..
2nd Managed Acc	295.2	312.4	+2.8	..
2nd Managed 4 Acc	122.4	129.5	+0.9	..
2nd Deposit Accum	183.5	194.2	+0.2	..
2nd Gilt Accum	187.5	198.4	+2.9	..
2nd Amer Accum	267.8	283.5	+6.1	..
2nd Intl Money Ac	194.0	205.3	+0.3	..
2nd Index Accum	109.1	115.4	-0.4	..
2nd Far East Accum	253.0	267.7	-4.1	..
2nd Global Accum	115.3	122.0	+0.6	..
2nd Euro Accum	111.7	118.2	+0.5	..
2nd Japan Accum	136.2	144.1	-1.0	..
2nd Heritage Acc	102.7	108.7	..	..
2nd Intl Curr Bond	90.3	95.6	+0.8	..
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500, Avebury Blvd. Cntl Milton Keynes MK9 2LA 0908-606101				
Property Fund	132.0	139.0	..	..
Money Fund	238.6	251.2	+0.2	..
Managed Fund	516.1	543.3	+2.7	..
Equity Fund	395.9	416.8	+2.0	..
Fixed Interest Fund	153.8	161.9	+0.2	..
Far East Fund	275.2	289.8	-0.4	..
Nth Amer Fund	182.1	191.7	+0.4	..
Nat Resources Fund	238.3	250.9	+0.8	..
Alexandra Fund	130.0	136.9	..	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0272 290566 Assurance Funds				
Mixed	178.2	187.6	-0.6	..
Equity	229.6	241.7	-3.7	..
Property	127.7	134.5	+0.8	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	117.1	123.3	-1.9	..
Indexed Secs	96.3	101.4	-1.2	..
Cash	112.7	118.7	+0.3	..
Nth American	126.6	133.3	+2.0	..
Far East	174.1	183.3	+3.1	..
International	152.1	160.2	+1.6	..
Special Sits	220.9	232.6	+0.1	..
Intl Income	187.6	197.5	-1.7	..
European	183.4	193.1	+1.7	..
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	183.2	192.9	-0.5	..
Equity	213.8	225.1	-3.3	..
Property	125.5	132.2	+0.1	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	128.1	134.9	-2.1	..
Index Linked	99.4	104.7	-2.7	..
Cash	126.3	133.0	+0.2	..
Nth American	138.3	145.6	+2.7	..
Far East Acc	206.6	217.5	+3.4	..
International Acc	177.3	186.7	+2.6	..
Special Sits	280.9	295.7	+0.3	..
European Flex	225.4	237.3	+2.8	..
Cash	112.7	118.7	+0.3	..
Nth American	126.6	133.3	+2.0	..
Far East	174.1	183.3	+3.1	..
International	152.1	160.2	+1.6	..
Special Sits	220.9	232.6	+0.1	..
Intl Income	187.6	197.5	-1.7	..
American Inc	124.1	130.7	+2.0	..
European	183.4	193.1	+1.7	..
COLONIAL MUTUAL 24 Ludgate Hill, London EC4P 4BD 01-248 9863				
CML U Ass:Key	183.65		..	..
CML U Ass:Pacemkr	248.63		..	..
CML U Ass:Cash	132.0	139.0	..	..
CML U Ass:Equity	360.5	379.5	..	..
CML U Ass:FI	187.7	197.6	..	..
CML U Ass:Mngd	266.0	280.0	..	..
CML U Ass:Prop	316.8	333.5	..	..
CML(Pen):Cash Cap	133.8	140.9	..	..
CML(Pen):Cash Inv	152.2	160.2	..	..
CML(Pen):Eqty Cap	700.7	737.6	..	..
CML(Pen):Eqty Inv	796.6	838.5	..	..
CML(Pen):Fxd Cap	212.5	223.7	..	..
CML(Pen):Fxd Inv	241.6	254.3	..	..
CML(Pen):Indx Cap	127.5	134.2	..	..
CML(Pen):Indx Inv	145.0	152.6	..	..
CML(Pen):Man Cap	389.5	410.0	..	..
CML(Pen):Man Inv	442.8	466.1	..	..
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3 01-283 7500				
Var Ann Accum (5)	391.16		..	..
Var Ann (5)	72.15		..	..
Prime- Managed	297.8	313.5	+0.9	..
Prime- UK Equity	352.2	370.8	-0.3	..
Prime- Int Equity	241.7	254.5	+2.7	..
Prime- Property	133.0	140.0	+0.5	..
Prime- Fixed Interest	147.7	155.5	-0.2	..
Prime- Index-Linked	99.0	104.3	-0.8	..
Prime- Cash	128.7	135.5	+0.1	..
CONFEDERATION LIFE *50 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HE* 01-242 0282				
Managed Fund	765.8	806.1	..	..
Equity Fund	£11.22	11.81	..	..
PIP Fund	£32.713		..	..
CROWN FINANCIAL *Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW* 04862 5033				
Life Managed Acc	394.0	414.7	-0.2	..
Life Fixed Int Accum	225.6	237.4	-3.8	..
Life Equity Accum	529.5	557.3	+0.8	..
Life Money Accum	188.0	197.8	+0.3	..
Life Inv Trust Accum	554.4	583.5	-2.5	..
Life Intl Accum	418.4	440.4	+4.2	..
Life High Inc Accum	525.1	552.7	-0.9	..
Life Property Accum	189.7	199.6	+1.5	..
Crown Bnt Inv A	841.4	771.9	..	..
Brown Equity	802.0	844.2	..	..
DSS Managed	240.0	252.6	..	..
Growth Accum	280.5	295.2	..	..
CRUSADER INSURANCE Reigate Surrey RH2 8BL 07372 42424				
Measured perf	115.5	122.2	+0.9	..
Performance Plus	112.7	119.3	-0.5	..
With-Profit Perf	103.8	109.8	+0.2	..
UK Opportunity	145.9	154.4	+2.4	..
Euro Opportunity	113.5	120.1	-2.0	..
North Amer Opp	99.3	105.1	-2.5	..
Far East Opp	118.5	125.4	+0.4	..

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Gth Prop Series 1	147.5	155.3	..	..
Gth Prop Series 2	104.3	110.4	+0.1	..
Fixed Int	101.5	107.4	+1.0	..
Cash	100.8	106.7	..	..
Managed Pens	383.5	387.3	..	..
Overseas	97.7	103.4	+0.6	..
EAGLE STAR INSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	108.7	114.5	+0.1	..
Blue Chip Fund	157.7	166.1	-0.4	..
Adventurous Fund	189.2	199.2	+2.1	..
Performance Fund	189.2	199.2	+1.5	..
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 1 Threadneedle St, London EC2 01-588 1212				
Eagle/Midland Units	227.0	236.2	+2.5	3.59
EQUITY & LAW *Amersham Road, High Wycombe* 0494 33377				
UK Equities Fund	596.1	627.4	+5.2	..
Higher Income Fund	591.3	622.4	+6.9	..
Property Fund	293.8	309.2	+0.3	..
Fixed Interest Fund	247.9	260.9	+0.1	..
Index-Linked Scs Fd	103.0	108.4	-0.9	..
Gtd Deposit Fund	185.5	195.2	+0.2	..
Nth America Fund	266.4	280.4	-1.0	..
Far East Fund	338.2	356.0	+0.5	..
Europe Fund	241.3	254.0	+1.3	..
International Fund	335.6	353.2	+0.8	..
Mixed Fund	410.6	432.2	+1.5	..
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT *Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH* 0722 336242				
Managed (Mixed)	189.1	199.1	+0.4	..
UK Equity	243.0	255.8	+0.7	..
Stewardship	248.3	261.4	+0.8	..
Overseas Equity	189.2	199.2	+1.4	..
North American	103.4	108.9	+1.9	..
Pacific Basin	106.2	111.8	-0.2	..
European	113.8	119.8	+0.1	..
Property	147.3	155.1	+0.1	..
Fixed Interest	130.9	137.8	-1.3	..
Index Linked	101.2	106.6	+0.4	..
Cash	124.5	131.1	+0.1	..
GT MANAGEMENT 16 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DJ 01-628 8131				
GT Plan Bond Fund	177.3	186.7	+0.3	..
GT Plan High Yield	260.7	274.5	+2.6	..
GT Plan Far East	266.3	280.4	+0.8	..
GT Plan North Amer	146.9	154.7	-0.7	..
GT Plan UK & GE	367.9	387.3	+4.7	..
GT Plan Worldwide	328.0	345.3	+1.5	..
GENERAL ACCIDENT LINKED LIFE 20/24 Addiscombe Road, Croydon CR9 5BS 01-686 0411				
Managed	143.6	151.2	+1.5	..
UK Equity	208.7	219.7	+2.0	..
Fixed Int	117.9	124.1	+1.2	..
Index-Linked	96.5	101.6	-0.4	..
Cash Deposit	111.5	117.4	+0.1	..
Property	115.5	121.6	+0.1	..
International	122.8	129.3	+0.8	..
American	99.8	105.1	+2.2	..
Japan	142.0	149.2	+0.4	..
Japan Smlr Co's	134.3	141.4	-0.5	..
European	119.0	125.3	+1.5	..
Pacific Fund	131.9	138.8	+4.2	..
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Crossbrook St, Cheshunt Herts 0992 31971				
Portfolio Fd Acc	555.6		+4.2	..
Do Int	391.2		+2.8	..
Do Inv s	555.5	584.8	+4.3	..
UK Equity	320.3	337.2	+4.6	..
Oseas Equity	166.8	175.7	+1.6	..
Smaller Cos	190.1	200.2	+1.9	..
Gilt Plus	125.6	132.3	+0.7	..
Do 88	124.0	130.6	+2.6	..
Fixed Int Dep	118.1	124.4	+0.1	..
Managed	225.5	237.6	+1.9	..
Inter Man	183.6	193.4	+2.0	..
GRESHAM UNIT 2-6, Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth 0202 762122				
Managed Bond	512.9	540.5	+4.3	..
Money Fund	198.4	208.9	+0.2	..
Equity Fund	486.0	512.1	+10.9	..
Fixed Interest Fund	151.6	159.7	+1.9	..
Property Fund	238.1	250.9	+2.5	..
Gresham Framlington				
American & General	291.8	307.5	+0.8	..
Income	524.2	552.4	+1.1	..
International Grwth	338.9	357.1	+2.5	..
Capital Fund	571.6	602.3	+5.3	..
Recovery Fund	407.9	429.8	+3.5	..
Japan & General	194.2	204.6	+1.0	..
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange London EC3 01-283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	472.4	492.0	..	..
Managed Initial	398.8	419.8	-0.2	..
Do Accum	483.7	509.2	..	..
Equity Initial	567.5	597.3	+8.2	..
Do Accum	688.3	724.5	+7.7	..
Fixed Int Initial	253.4	266.7	-2.8	..
Do Accum	307.3	323.5	-3.1	..
Intl Initial	434.7	457.7	+2.2	..
Do Accum	527.3	555.1	+2.8	..
Nth Amer Initial	157.4	165.6	+2.7	..
Do Accum	173.7	182.8	+3.0	..
Pacific Initial	263.9	277.8	-1.8	..
Do Accum	288.6	303.8	-1.8	..
Property Initial	154.9	163.0	..	..
Do Accum	187.6	197.4	..	..
Index-Linked Initial	95.9	101.0	-0.4	..
Do Accum	105.9	111.5	-0.4	..
Deposit Initial	142.8	150.3	+0.1	..
Do Accum	173.2	182.3	+0.2	..
Euro Initial	100.7	106.0	+1.2	..
Do Accum	102.7	108.1	+1.2	..
Unit Linked Insr Inc	100.7	106.0	+1.2	..
Do Accum	102.7	108.1	+1.2	..
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 26, Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1DA *01-638 5757*				
High Income Fund	390.1	411.8	+1.9	..
Gilt Edged Fund	91.7	96.6	+0.5	..
Capital Growth Inc	387.3	408.8	+2.8	..
Technology Fund	194.2	205.0	+0.3	..
Natural Resources	204.3	215.7	+1.2	..
Special Situations	348.4	367.8	+2.1	..
North America Fund	232.8	245.7	+1.9	..
Far East Fund	430.8	454.5	+4.7	..
Managed Fund	388.7	410.3	+1.7	..

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Deposit Fund	144.4	152.1	..	..
Prime Residential	165.4	174.1	..	..
Property Fund	304.0	320.0	+4.5	..
Managed Currency	110.0	116.1	+1.7	..
Global Health Care	159.8	168.7	..	..
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 01-686 4355				
Security Fund	355.3	374.0	+1.2	..
British Fund	331.7	349.2	+1.2	..
International Fund	331.9	349.4	+5.3	..
Dollar Fund	229.8	241.9	+5.5	..
Capital Fund	311.6	328.0	+0.4	..
Income Fund	419.6	441.7	+4.2	..
Property Series 'A'	249.8	263.0	..	..
Property Units	402.9	423.1	..	..
Financial Fund	327.0	344.3	-3.1	..
Managed Series 'A'	339.8	357.7	+0.8	..
Do 'C'	238.2	250.8	+0.6	..
Managed Units	594.5	625.8	+1.4	..
High Yield Fund	393.9	414.7	+2.0	..
Money Series 'A'	181.2	190.8	+0.2	..
Money Units	232.9	245.2	+0.2	..
Equity Fund	416.3	438.3	+1.8	..
Fixed Interest Fund	212.4	223.6	-0.4	..
Indexed Secs Fund	108.2	113.9	-1.0	..
European Fund	467.1	491.7	+2.1	..
Natural Res Fund	230.6	242.8	+3.1	..
Far East Fund	451.4	475.2	+5.6	..
Smaller Co's Fund	492.5	518.5	-1.2	..
Special Sits Fund	349.7	368.2	-1.2	..
Man Currency Fund	161.3	169.8	..	..
Japanese Tech	179.5	189.0	+0.6	..
US Smaller Co's	94.0	99.1	-0.1	..
IMPERIAL TRIDENT LIFE LTD *69, London Road, Gloucester, GL1 3LE* 0452 500500 (Formerly Imperial Life Ass of Can)				
Growth Fund	380.4	381.8	+3.9	..
Managed Fd	301.2	317.0	+2.8	..
Fixed Int Fd	229.3	241.3	+0.5	..
Secure Cap Fd	177.1	186.4	..	..
Equity Fd	853.1	898.0	+9.0	..
Property Fd	184.4	194.1	..	..
(Formerly Trident Life)				
Managed	371.9	391.6	+3.2	..
Gtd Mgd	308.4	324.6	+1.7	..
Property	344.4	362.6	+0.7	..
American	278.7	293.5	+2.2	..
UK Equity Fd	458.5	483.3	+5.4	..
High Yield	546.3	575.2	+0.6	..
Gilt Edged	263.3	277.2	+2.9	..
Money	258.7	272.4	+5.6	..
International	293.5	309.1	+1.5	..
Henderson Active	165.0	173.8	+0.5	..
Perpetual Active	192.7	202.9	-1.0	..
Growth Cap	328.4	345.6	+2.3	..
Do Accum	423.6	446.0	+2.3	..
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Longbow House, 20, Chiswell St, London EC1 4TY 01-638 1731				
Prop Mod Gth Ser 3	174.8	184.0	..	..
Blue Chip Series 3	399.3	420.3	..	..
Managed Series 3	299.6	315.4	..	..
Global Managed 3	355.3	374.0	..	..
Global Property 3	154.9	163.0	..	..
Global Fixed Int 3	291.2	306.5	..	..
Global Equity 3	422.0	444.2	..	..
Global Cash 3	126.7	133.4	..	..
High Inc Series 3	909.1	956.9	..	..
LAS GROUP 10, George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2YH 031-225 8494				
Managed Fund	265.7	282.2	-0.3	..
UK Equity	431.4	457.7	-4.1	..
Property	201.6	213.8	+0.4	..
Money Market	154.9	163.4	+0.5	..
Fixed Interest	170.8	181.2	-4.1	..
Japan	332.8	353.0	+0.7	..
North America	157.3	167.0	+1.1	..
International	246.6	261.6	+0.1	..
Natural Res Fnd	119.5	126.7	-0.2	..
European	188.0	195.3	+0.9	..
Far East	148.7	156.8	+2.4	..
High Technology	141.6	149.5	+0.9	..
Special Sits	131.9	138.9	-0.7	..
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2, Montefiore Rd, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 0273 724588				
Bldg Soc Lnkd Init	106.1	111.7	+0.1	..
Do Accum	115.9	122.0	+0.1	..
Cash Initial	132.0	139.0	+0.1	..
Do Accum	181.6	191.2	+0.2	..
Equity Initial	544.2	572.9	+0.8	..
Do Accum	748.7	788.2	+1.3	..
Fixed Initial	245.0	257.9	+0.2	..
Do Accum	337.1	354.9	+0.3	..
Index-Linked Gilt	93.6	98.6	-0.6	..
Do Accum	109.8	115.7	-0.7	..
Intl Initial	300.4	316.3	+6.6	..
Do Accum	406.9	428.4	+9.1	..
Managed Initial	379.0	399.0	+1.8	..
Do Accum	521.4	548.9	+2.5	..
Property Initial	164.6	173.3	+0.1	..
Do Accum	226.5	238.5	+0.1	..
LEGAL & GENERAL PROPERTY 11, Queen Vic St London EC4N 4TP *01-248 9678*				
L & G (29)	198.8	208.0	..	..
LONDON LIFE 100, Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6EA 0272 279179				
Equity	645.4		+14.2	..
Fixed Interest	290.1		+4.4	..
Property	247.6		+0.3	..
Deposit	181.1		+0.2	..
Mixed	390.8		+4.9	..
Indexed Stock	119.0		+0.7	..
International	152.1		-2.5	..
Equity A	151.4		+3.3	..
Fixed Int A	103.2		+1.9	..
Property A	110.0		+0.1	..
Deposit A	107.6		+0.1	..
Mixed A	129.9		+1.7	..
Index Stock A	94.2		+0.5	..
International A	121.3		-1.6	..
Equity P	604.4		+13.0	..
Fixed Int P	284.9		+5.0	..
Property P	198.4		..	..
Deposit P	178.5		+0.3	..
Mixed P	372.2		+4.7	..
Index Stock P	132.6		+0.7	..
International P	217.0		-2.7	..
LON & MANCHESTER GROUP Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 52155				
Inv Trust Cap	543.6		+2.8	..
Do Accum	672.8		+3.3	..

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Property Cap	126.5		-0.1	..
Do Accum	156.4		..	..
Fixed Interest Cap	153.6		+0.3	..
Do Accum	185.2		+0.2	..
Equity Cap	272.8		+0.2	..
Do Accum	332.4		+0.4	..
International Cap	200.9		+13.5	..
Do Accum	243.8		+3.1	..
Gtd Deposit Cap	148.9		..	..
Do Accum	179.3		+0.1	..
Flexible Cap	309.7		+2.3	..
Do Accum	377.5		+2.9	..
Moneymaker Fund	292.8		+2.1	..
Capital Growth Fund	899.3		+2.8	..
M & G Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ 01-626-4588				
Amer Bond Acc	226.8	238.2	+1.9	..
Amer Rec Bond	277.9	291.8	+1.6	..
Amer Smlr Co Bond	111.6	117.3	-0.8	..
Australasia Bond	243.7	256.0	-0.1	..
Commodity Bond	230.2	241.8	+2.4	..
Deposit Bond Acc	227.5	239.0	+0.2	..
Equity Bond Accum	842.7	884.8	+4.7	..
European Bond Acc	213.1	223.9	+0.4	..
Extra Yld Bd Accum	447.3	469.8	+0.7	..
Far East Bd Accum	176.7	185.6	+4.7	..
Gilt Bond Accum	252.6	265.3	+4.2	..
Gold Bond Accum	168.9	177.5	-5.2	..
High Yield Bond	295.2	310.0	+0.4	4.55
Index-Linked Gt Bd	121.9	128.1	-0.8	..
International Bond	479.2	503.3	+0.5	..
Japan Bond Acc	235.5	247.4	-0.2	..
Japan Smlr Co Acc	172.5	181.2	-1.0	..
Managed Bonds	554.8	582.7	+5.4	..
Prop Bond Accum	291.4	306.1	+0.2	..
Rec Bond Accum	450.6	473.2	+0.4	..
Family Bond Accum	650.8		..	..
MGM ASSURANCE MGM Hse Heene Rd, Worthing BN11 2DY 0903 204631				
UK Equity Fund	250.7	263.9	-8.1	..
Do Accum	284.4	299.4	-3.2	..
Special Sits Fund	259.1	272.8	-3.3	..
Do Accum	293.7	309.2	-3.8	..
North American Fd	180.4	189.9	+3.6	..
Do Accum	204.7	215.5	+4.3	..
Pacific Basin Fund	327.1	344.4	+1.5	..
Do Accum	371.2	390.8	+2.2	..
Fixed Interest Fund	205.1	215.9	-3.3	..
Do Accum	232.6	244.9	-3.7	..
Property Fund	119.2	125.5	-0.2	..
Do Accum	135.3	142.5	..	..
Deposit Fund	112.9	118.9	-0.1	..
Do Accum	128.1	134.9	+0.1	..
Managed Fund	228.2	240.3	-0.8	..
Do Accum	258.8	272.5	-0.9	..
MANUFACTURERS LIFE St Georges Way, Stevenage 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	451.7	475.5	..	..
Property Fund	283.0	297.9	..	..
Equity Fund	587.0	617.9	..	..
Gilt Edged Fund	350.8	369.0	..	..
Deposit Fund	206.2	217.1	..	..
Investment Fund	250.1	262.8	..	..
International Fund	425.2	447.6	..	..
MERCHANT INVESTORS Leon House, 233 High St Croydon 01-686 9171				
Property	315.6		-4.5	..
Equity Bond	204.1		+4.4	..
Money Market Bond	300.0		+2.3	..
Deposit Fund	289.5		+0.3	..
Managed Fund	304.2		+4.0	..
Intl Equity	382.4		+4.8	..
Intl Managed	331.2		+3.5	..
North American	134.3		+1.3	..
Far East	298.1		+1.5	..
Intl Currency	168.9		+0.6	..
NATIONAL PROVIDENT 48, Gracechurch St, EC3P 3HH 01-623 4200				
Managed	316.8	333.5	+1.8	..
UK Equity	439.0	462.2	+2.7	..
Overseas Equity	318.1	334.9	+4.3	..
Americas	257.1	270.7	+5.6	..
Far East	349.8	368.3	+10.2	..
Property	148.0	155.8	-0.1	..
Fixed Interest	200.4	211.0	-0.6	..
Indexed Gilt	111.2	117.1	-0.8	..
Deposit	135.3	142.5	+0.2	..
NORWICH UNION PO Box 4, Norwich NR1 3NG 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	797.7	839.7	+2.7	..
Equity Fund	£17.38	18.29	+0.04	..
Property Fund (3)	325.0	342.2	+0.2	..
Fixed Int Fund (3)	353.0	371.6	-6.9	..
Deposit Fund (3)	210.5	221.6	+0.3	..
Intl Fund (30)	145.7	153.4	+2.0	..
Unit-Linked Pns	210.184		..	..
PEARL ASSURANCE *252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB* 01-405 8441				
Inv Prop Dist	157.0	165.3	+1.9	..
Do Accum	246.3	259.3	+8.4	..
Inv Equity	792.4	834.2	+5.2	..
Inv Managed	529.8	557.7	+5.9	..
Ret Managed	505.8	532.5	+9.7	..
PHOENIX ASSURANCE 4-5, King William St, EC4N 7ER 01-626 9876				
Wealth Assured	449.9	473.6	+8.5	..
Ebor Phoenix Equity	425.6	450.9	+20.2	..
PROPERTY GROWTH Leon House, Croydon CR9 1LU 01-680 0606				
Property Fund	313.6		+5.8	..
Property Fund (A)	300.6		+5.3	..
Agricultural Fund	580.1		-2.8	..
Agric Fund (A)	557.5		-2.6	..
Abbey Nat Fund	265.0		+2.0	..
Abbey Nat Fund (A)	251.2		+3.7	..
Investment Fund	243.1		+0.8	..
Investment Fund (A)	235.7		+0.8	..
Equity Fund	927.5		-1.4	..
Equity (A)	901.5		-1.4	..
Money Fund	286.6		+0.2	..
Money Fund (A)	278.8		+0.2	..
Actuarial Fund	407.3		+0.9	..
Gilt-Edged Fund	244.5		-2.5	..
Gilt-Edged Fund (A)	244.5		-2.5	..
Retire Annuity	537.7		..	..
Immed Annuity	233.0		..	..
International Fund	462.5		+8.4	..
Bldg Soc Life Fund	148.0		+0.1	..

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PROVIDENCE CAPITAL 30, Uxbridge Rd. W12 8PG 01-749 9111				
Equity Fund Accum	230.8	242.7	+0.2	..
Fixed Interest Acc	118.8	125.4	+0.7	..
International Accum	154.8	163.0	+1.3	..
Managed Accum	169.7	179.0	+1.0	..
Property Accum	178.2	188.0	+0.3	..
Money Accum	95.3	100.6	+0.1	..
Special Mkt Accum	121.9	128.6	+2.7	..
Japan Growth Acc	133.0	140.4	-0.9	..
N Amer Accum	112.3	118.5	+2.1	..
Pacific Accum	101.0	106.6	+1.0	..
Technology Accum	105.7	111.6	-0.7	..
Natural Res Accum	90.7	95.7	+0.6	..
Japan Grwth Accum	207.0	218.4	-3.0	..
European Accum	88.7	93.6	+0.3	..
PROVIDENT MUTUAL 25/31, Moorgate London EC2R 6BA 01-628 3232				
Managed Ord	281.8	296.4	+1.7	..
Managed Initial	239.5	252.1	+1.4	..
Equity Ord	422.3	444.5	+3.3	..
Equity Init	359.2	378.1	+2.7	..
Index-Lnkd Gilt Ord	111.1	116.9	-0.9	..
Index Linked Gilt Init	98.7	103.9	-0.7	..
Oseas Equity Ord	290.1	305.4	+3.4	..
Oseas Equity Initial	246.7	259.7	+2.7	..
Property Ord	142.2	149.7	+0.1	..
Property Initial	121.0	127.4	+0.1	..
Fixed Int Ord	153.9	162.0	+0.2	..
Fixed Int Initial	130.9	137.8	+0.1	..
Deposit Ord	128.9	135.7	+0.1	..
Deposit Initial	109.7	115.6	+0.1	..
PROVINCIAL LIFE Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria 0539 23415				
Managed Fund	594.1	626.1	+4.0	..
Cash Fund	209.9	221.2	..	..
Property Fund	227.1	239.4	..	..
Equity Fund	708.1	746.2	+6.0	..
Fxd Interest Fund	273.8	288.6	+1.2	..
International	339.0	360.9	+2.3	..
High Income	500.7	527.7	+1.9	..
Far East	457.4	482.0	+2.1	..
North American	265.9	280.8	+2.7	..
Special Sits	682.5	719.3	+8.2	..
Technology	295.3	314.2	+3.6	..
Extra Income Fund	286.8	302.3	+1.5	..
Gilt Fund 20	276.8	293.2	+4.4	..
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, EC1N 2NH 01-405 9222				
Managed	228.0	237.8	+2.3	..
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE LTD 20, Clifton Street, London EC2A 4HX 01-920 0202 0733 262624				
Multi Growth (45)	481.787		..	..
Multi Growth 'A' (45)	377.8	397.7	..	..
Op 5 Prop	299.4	315.2	+0.1	..
Op 5 Equity	867.9	913.6	-50.8	..
Op 5 High Yield	326.4	343.6	+2.0	..
Op 5 Managed	836.7	880.8	-17.3	..
Op 5 Deposit	240.8	253.5	+1.0	9.88
Op 5 US Dollar	112.6	118.6	+0.9	9.50
Amer Smaller	124.9	131.5	+0.9	..
Commodity	125.1	131.7	+7.1	..
Extra Inc	164.5	173.6	+3.1	..
Far East	167.6	176.5	-0.8	..
Fxd Secs	234.3	246.7	+1.3	..
Gold Gen	90.9	95.7	+2.3	..
Inc Gth	274.7	289.2	+5.7	..
Intl Fund	165.5	174.3	+1.0	..
Japan Perf	223.6	235.4	-1.8	..
Japan Smlr	127.3	128.3	-7.8	..
Nat'l High	267.6	281.7	+4.9	..
Prop Shr	263.1	277.0	+11.6	..
Intl Recovery	240.2	252.9	-0.2	..
Smaller Cos	328.0	345.3	+0.4	..
Univ Energy	64.6	68.0	+0.5	..
World Tech	144.1	151.7	..	..
Managed Gth	209.9	221.0	+2.0	..
Gilt	82.7	87.1	+1.0	..
Hong Kong	131.9	138.9	+6.9	..
Aust Gth	151.2	159.2	+1.2	..
Growth			..	..
Amer (35,34)	183.3	181.4	+1.8	..
Australian	150.9	158.9	-3.9	..
British	234.9	247.3	+8.9	..
Commodity	211.2	222.4	+8.3	..
Extra Inc	232.9	245.2	+6.8	..
Far Eastern	287.2	302.4	+6.2	..
Gilt	83.5	88.1	..	..
Global (35,34)	355.3	374.0	+16.2	..
Gold Share	101.8	107.2	+5.1	..
High Income	279.9	294.7	+4.4	..
Income	382.7	402.8	+7.0	..
Japan	287.5	302.2	+7.1	..
Oil Energy	170.4	179.4	+3.8	..
Special Sits	361.0	380.0	+3.7	..
UK Smlr Co's	337.1	354.9	-15.3	..
Man Growth	327.8	345.1	+5.1	..
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS. 051-227 4422				
Royal Shield Fund	673.1	712.2	+6.8	..
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	273.8	288.2	+2.5	..
Equity Fund	349.6	368.0	-0.8	..
Property Fund	169.0	177.8	+0.1	..
International Fund	353.1	371.6	+2.9	..
Pacific Basin Fund	213.2	224.4	+3.5	..
United States Fund	154.2	162.3	+2.2	..
Gilt Fund	182.7	192.3	+1.6	..
SAVE & PROSPER 1, Finsbury Ave London,EC2M 2QY 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	457.1	483.8	+1.1	..
Deposit Fund (2)	233.2	245.6	+0.3	..
Gilt Fund	297.4	314.8	-4.8	..
Global Equity Fund	164.9	174.6	+0.4	..
Property Fund (48)	80.1	83.8c		
AG Bond Fund	107.4	113.7	+0.7	..
SCHRODER LIFE Enterprise Hse, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
Equity	97.4	102.4	+0.7	..
Fixed Interest	317.8	334.5	+1.1	..
Managed	476.1	501.1	+3.2	..
Deposit	218.2	229.8	+0.2	..
Overseas	274.5	289.0	-2.1	..
Property	299.3	315.0	+0.9	..
American	260.3	274.0	+6.4	..
Australian	237.1	249.5	+3.5	..
European	338.8	356.6	-3.2	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	165.5	174.2	+2.9	..
Income Accum	501.7	528.1	+6.7	..
Income Distrib	373.3	392.9	+5.8	..
International	290.4	305.6	+1.5	..

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Japan Smaller	263.9	277.7	-3.1	..
Singapore & Mal	172.9	182.0	-2.4	..
Smaller Companies	443.7	467.0	+5.3	..
Tokyo Fund	408.5	429.7	+4.2	..
UK Equity	426.4	448.8	+5.8	..
CCM Vang'd Mngd	454.8	478.7	+8.7	..
Equity Pension Cap	702.6	739.7	+9.0	..
Overseas Pension	322.1	339.0	-3.0	..
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow 041-248 2323				
Equity	449.4	472.1	-3.6	..
Fixed Interest	195.6	205.8	-3.5	..
International	275.8	290.2	+4.1	..
Property	152.1	160.2	-0.4	..
Cash	144.4	152.1	+0.2	..
Managed	306.0	322.2	-1.2	..
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28, St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 556 9101				
Cash	108.4	114.1	+0.07	..
Index-Linked	90.7	95.5	-1.9	..
Fixed Interest	109.0	114.8	-2.7	..
Mixed	165.1	173.8	-0.8	..
UK Equity	168.9	177.8	-1.0	..
International	174.1	183.3	+1.4	..
American	142.9	150.5	+2.4	..
Japan	202.8	213.5	..	..
European	173.4	182.6	+1.8	..
Pacific	202.4	213.1	+1.4	..
Technology	164.3	173.0	+2.3	..
Foreign Bd/Currency	137.8	199.6	+3.0	..
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 031-225 2211				
Property	127.1	133.9	+0.1	..
UK Equity	239.9	252.5●	-0.3	..
American	164.8	173.5●	+1.9	..
Pacific	241.8	254.7●	+3.9	..
European	263.4	277.4	+2.5	..
International	206.4	217.4	+2.2	..
Fixed Interest	123.4	130.0	-4.1	..
Index Linked	107.8	113.9	-1.8	..
Deposit	118.8	125.2	+0.2	..
Managed	191.6	201.8	+0.5	..
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HH 041-248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	£11.66	12.23	+0.16	..
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENTS 109, St Vincent St, Glasgow 041-248 6321				
Safety Fund	148.1	155.9	+0.3	..
Growth Fund	165.3	174.0	+0.4	..
Opportunity Fund	171.9	182.3	+1.3	..
Cash Fund	109.4	115.2	+0.1	..
European Fund	208.9	219.9	+1.9	..
Gilts & Fxd Int Fund	110.5	116.4	-0.6	..
Index-Linked Fund	99.2	104.5	-0.9	..
International Fund	180.7	190.3	+2.5	..
North American Fd	138.2	145.5	+0.7	..
Pacific Fund	227.6	239.6	+2.8	..
Property Fund	110.7	116.6	..	..
UK Equity	185.2	195.0	-1.8	..
UK Smaller	237.9	250.5	-4.1	..
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031-556 9181				
Mixed	193.9	204.2	+2.4	..
Equity	244.2	257.2	+1.0	..
International	211.1	222.3	+6.0	..
Property	140.3	147.8	..	..
Fixed Interest	120.6	127.1	-0.8	..
Index Linked	100.7	106.1	-0.8	..
Cash	120.9	126.4	..	..
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031-655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	610.3		..	..
Inv Pol 2	552.7	582.4	..	..
Inv Pol 3	548.0	572.0	..	..
Inv Cash	190.4	200.5	..	..
Mixed Fund	307.0	323.3	+1.8	..
Equity Fund	404.2	425.5	+0.5	..
Property Fund	156.9	165.2	+0.1	..
International Fund	302.0	318.0	+5.8	..
Fixed Interest Fund	195.4	205.7	+1.0	..
Indexed Stock Fund	111.0	117.0	-0.6	..
Cash Fund	140.5	148.0	+0.1	..
SKANDIA LIFE *Frobisher Hse, Nelsons Gate, Southampton SO3 7BX* 0703 334411				
Managed Accum	275.5	289.9	+2.1	..
Equity Accum	328.8	346.1	+5.3	..
International Accum	277.2	291.7	-0.1	..
Property	164.9	173.6	+0.1	..
Royal Trust Mngd	179.8	189.2	+0.5	..
Britannia Mngd	143.0	150.5	+0.5	..
Framlington Mngd	161.6	170.1	+0.8	..
Gartmore Mngd	190.8	200.6	+1.6	..
Henderson Mngd	174.3	183.4	+1.7	..
TSB Managed	144.9	152.5	+0.7	..
North European	223.4	235.1	-1.8	..
Pacific	212.3	223.4	..	..
Intl Recovery	199.9	210.4	+2.1	..
Gilt Plus Accum	192.0	202.1	+2.4	..
North American	129.0	135.7	+0.3	..
Deposit	166.8	175.6	+0.2	..
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3, George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031-225-2552				
Managed	434.6	457.5	-4.8	..
Equity	656.0	690.5	-12.8	..
Fixed Interest	221.3	233.0	-6.1	..
Index Linked	113.5	119.5	-2.0	..
International	399.9	421.0	+5.6	..
Nth American	97.1	102.3	+2.1	..
Far East	108.4	114.2	-0.2	..
European	100.0	105.3	..	..
Property	207.1	218.1	+0.1	..
Cash	168.1	177.0	+0.2	..
Pension Funds				
Managed	559.6	589.5	-3.2	..
Stock Exchange	127.5	134.3	-0.9	..
Equity	857.1	895.9	-10.7	..
Fixed Interest	253.7	267.1	-6.1	..
Index Linked	141.0	148.5	-3.6	..
International	563.4	593.1	+10.0	..
Property	234.4	246.8	+0.4	..
Cash	219.1	230.7	+0.3	..
SUN ALLIANCE *Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex* 0403 64141				
Managed Fund	459.4	483.6	+1.6	..
Equity Fund	841.7	875.5	-1.8	..

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Fixed Interest Fund	268.0	282.2	-2.8	..
Index Linked Fund	158.7	167.1	-0.4	..
Property Fund	284.0	299.0	+5.2	..
International Fund	418.1	440.2	+7.8	..
N American Fund	135.1	142.3	+3.4	..
Far East Fund	221.9	233.6	+5.1	..
Deposit Fund	185.5	195.3	+0.1	..
International Bond	£53.28		-0.49	..
Worldwide Bond	47.3	50.3c	+0.1	7.16
Worldwide Fixd	95.7	100.8	+1.1	..
Worldwide Tech	100.6	106.2	+2.0	..
European	113.8	119.6	+0.5	..
SUN LIFE OF CANADA 2,3,4, Cockspur St. SW1Y 5BH 01-930 5400				
Growth Account	£10.11		+0.13	..
Managed Account	605.3		+4.1	..
Equity Account	769.5		+10.6	..
Mngd Fund Accum	239.7	252.3	+2.0	..
Equity Fund Accum	347.3	365.6	+4.8	..
Prop Fund Accum	163.6	172.3	+0.3	..
Fixed Int Fd Acc	170.2	179.2	+1.5	..
Intl Fund Accum	314.5	331.1	-1.8	..
Money Fund Accum	137.5	144.9	+0.9	..
Index-Lnkd Scs Acc	116.7	122.9	+0.5	..
Pers Pens Account	298.2		..	..
Pens Mngd Account	464.7	489.1	..	..
Pens Guarantee	122.1	128.6	..	..
Pens Equity	196.3	206.7	..	..
Pens Property	126.3	133.0	..	..
Pens Fixed Int	130.7	137.6	..	..
Pens Intl	150.6	158.6	..	..
Pens Money	123.0	129.5	..	..
Pens Index-Lnkd	100.7	106.0	..	..
SUN LIFE UNIT St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL 0272 426911				
Managed Accum	540.2	568.7	-0.1	..
Property Accum	239.0	251.4	-3.5	..
Equity Accum	795.6	837.7	+1.9	..
Fixed Int Accum	213.8	225.1	-4.8	..
Index-Linked Accum	108.6	114.4	-2.0	..
Cash Accum	191.4	201.5	+0.2	..
Amer Equity Accum	219.5	231.1	+3.2	..
US Bonds Accum	113.1	119.1	+1.1	..
Japan Accum	254.6	268.0	-2.7	..
Pacific Accum	197.3	207.7	+4.8	..
Far Eastern Accum	524.9	552.6	+1.1	..
International Accum	385.5	405.8	-0.1	..
US Dollar Accum	92.7	97.6	+1.0	..
Yen Accum	124.7	131.3	+0.6	..
Euro Cur Accum	116.2	122.4	+0.5	..
Distribution Fund	221.4	233.1	+0.5	7.02
European	132.0	139.0	-1.7	..
TSB LIFE LTD Keens House, Andover, Hants, SP10 1PG 0264 56789				
Managed Fund	177.8	187.2	+1.9	..
Property Fund	123.2	129.7	+1.1	..
Fixed Interest Fund	134.4	141.6	-0.1	..
Money Fund	124.2	130.8	+0.1	..
Equity Fund	244.4	257.4	+3.2	..
TARGET LIFE Target House, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury Bucks Aylesbury (0296) 394000				
American Eagle	123.8	130.4	+3.2	..
Australian	121.7	128.2	-0.7	..
Commodity	158.5	166.9	+2.8	..
Deposit	162.8	171.4	+0.1	..
Residential Prop	94.5	99.5	..	..
Financial	261.7	275.5	+4.7	..
Fixed Interest	185.0	194.8	-1.4	..
Gold	189.4	199.4	+0.4	..
Income	315.2	331.8	-3.2	..
International Equity	381.1	401.2	+2.3	..
Japan	327.7	345.0	+2.9	..
Convertible	52.3	55.1	..	..
Managed	605.6	632.3	+0.3	..
International Bond	89.3	94.0●	+0.7	..
Managed Prop	142.0	149.5	..	..
Pacific	220.7	232.4	-0.2	..
Preference	160.0	168.5	+0.8	..
Property	285.2	300.3	+0.1	..
Special Situations	307.7	323.9	-2.1	..
Sterling	5.8		..	..
Technology	101.9	107.3	+2.4	..
UK Equity	750.2	789.7	-2.0	..
World Income	192.9	203.1	+2.8	..
Euro Situations	197.9	208.4	-2.4	..
REGENCY LIFE ASS CO 55-57 High Holborn London WC1V 6DU 01-831 7481				
Series 2 Man Fund	345.0	363.1	+5.4	..
Series 2 Equity Fund	431.4	454.1	+9.4	..
Series 2 Prop Fund	512.6	539.5	+1.9	..
Series 2 Fix Int Fund	231.5	243.6	+1.9	..
Series 2 *Money Fd*	161.8	170.0	+0.2	..
Series 2 O'seas Fd	302.2	318.0	+3.7	..
Tulip Invest Fund	314.5	331.1	-1.8	..
Tulip Mangd Fund	473.9	494.1	+5.8	..
Mngd Inv Fd Int	316.7	333.3	+5.0	..
Do Accum	389.6	410.1	+6.2	..
TYNDALL ASSURANCE 401, St John Street, 8 London EC1V 4QE 01-837 6494				
3-Way Fund	396.4		..	..
Equity	715.1		..	..
Bond	368.9		..	..
Property Fund	250.6		..	..
O'seas Inv Fund	715.1		..	..
UK Investment	680.6		..	..
Deposit Fund	247.5		..	..
UK Equity	298.7	314.5	+5.0	..
N American Equity	202.0	212.7	+2.4	..
Far East Equity	348.9	367.3	+1.1	..
Fixed	171.6	180.7	+2.0	..
Cash Deposit	131.7	138.7	+0.1	..
Property	131.5	138.5	..	..
Special Opp	421.3	443.5	+0.8	..
Managed	249.4	262.6	+2.5	..
Index-Linked Fd	107.0	112.6	+1.0	..
Star Mngd 2	265.4	289.9	+0.6	..
Star Mngd 3	256.6	270.2	+0.7	..
Star Mngd 4	231.5	243.7	+2.2	..
Star Mngd 5	236.4	248.9	+0.2	..
VANBRUGH LIFE ASS *Portland House, Stag Place Victoria SW1 5BA* 01-822 8293				
Managed Fund	523.2	550.8	+7.0	..
Equity Fund	£11.18	11.77	+0.20	..
Intl Fund	392.3	413.0	+1.8	..
Fixed Interest Fund	341.7	359.7	+3.0	..
Property Fund	284.4	299.4	+0.5	..
Cash Fund	229.2	241.3	+0.3	..
Pacific Basin Fd	192.9	202.5	-0.7	..
N American Fd	152.7	160.8	+1.8	..
Euro Fund	191.0	201.1	-0.2	..

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On the pension warpath

A major breakthrough in pensions should have taken place in October, but the Government seems *intent on strangling* it at birth.
PETER GARTLAND explains

It is not like senior actuaries to foam at the mouth. They are *usually far* too discreet, far too analytical and far too off-the-record to even hint publicly that one of the nation's most important financial wheels is in danger of falling off.

So when the president of the Institute of Actuaries, *Mar*shall Field, stands up in front of an audience of 300 fellow professionals, as he did this week, and *tells them* the pensions industry is in such a mess that Mrs Thatcher should involve herself in sorting it out, it is clearly time to be concerned.

Mr Field drew attention not only to conflicting require*ments of different government* departments but also to the tax anomalies of different kinds of pension.

One of the biggest pensions problems is the fog of confusion still swirling around free-standing additional voluntary contributions (FSAVCs). Don't be put off by the daunting sound of the beast. It *actually represents quite* a breakthrough — or should have done — if the original purpose had not got lost in the bureaucratic *mist*.

FSAVCs first hit the financial headlines when the Chancellor announced their introduction in his Budget last March, intending to increase the choice open to employed people and offering those wishing to stay in their employer's pension scheme an alternative to personal pen*sions. The idea was that* employees could enhance their occupational scheme benefits by paying voluntary contributions to an independent arrangement outside their occupational scheme.

Up to now employed people have been able to pay only into an AVC scheme run by their employer, at the employer's *discretion*, and *with* the employer choosing which insurance company would provide the benefits. Once the employee had signed up for an AVC he had to pay in for at least five years, unless financial hardship could be proved.

FSAVCs held out the promise of a major freeing-up of pensions by making it possible for employees to take out an FSAVC contract irrespective of their employer's agreement. The employee could choose which insurance company would provide the benefits, and the benefit providers could now include other in*stitutions such as banks*, building societies and unit trust companies. There was to be no minimum five-year contribution period.

In fact, just about the only restriction carried forward to the new-style FSAVCs was to be that total contributions to an FSAVC and all occupational schemes were limited to 15 per cent of remuneration in any year.

The initiative was welcomed at first because it appeared to remove the prospect of a *head-on clash* between personal pensions and occupational schemes. But that was before the Inland Revenue produced details of how FSAVCs would operate in practice.

They were details that prompted an uncompromising response from management consultants Towers, Perrin, Forster & Crosby. *"They appear at best* to be of limited usefulness and at worst an administrative nightmare for both pension providers and occupational schemes," they said.

Bruce Moss, of TPF&C, is *convinced that* FSAVCs *have* been made such an unattractive prospect that they will not work until the tax regime is streamlined.

FSAVCs were originally scheduled for a start date of October 1. There is now a new start date of October 26 but it looks like being a non-event.

Several large insurance companies, including household names such as Prudential and Standard Life, have aborted plans to introduce FSAVC contracts because they feel the present rules are unworkable.

It is not often that the insurance industry passes up a marketing opportunity of such dimensions.

The main obstacles centre on the hopelessly complicated requirements imposed both on employers and the FSAVC provider for monitoring the contracts.

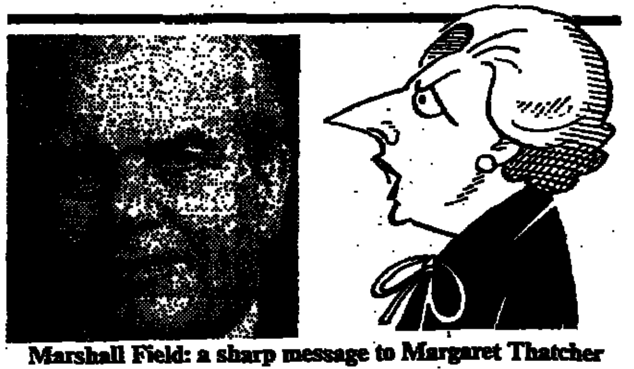
Among the more cumbersome *of these* exchange-of-information rules are various benefit value estimates every one and three years, plus *benefit checks when*, say, an employee leaves or retires or when scheme benefits are improved.

The purpose of all this checking and cross-checking is to make sure that total benefits from occupational schemes and FSAVCs must not be greater than the maximum allowed by the tax laws. *If they are greater, then* the benefits from the occupational scheme must be reduced to comply with the limits.

One obvious way of getting out of this dreadful mess is to change the rules so that maximum figures are determined in relation to contributions rather than benefits. It is a system that has worked perfectly well on self-employed pensions for many years.

Another option has been put to Norman Lamont, Treasury Financial Secretary, by Mark Rittner, director of Comprehensive Financial Services.

Mr Rittner's solution is twofold — first, that there should be no monitoring on an FSAVC *contribution of up* to, say, £1,700 a year; secondly, if there is over-funding of the total pension benefit at retirement the occupational benefit should be paid in full with any over-funding on the FSAVC repaid to the individual and made subject to a tax clawback of 40 per cent.



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BP prospectus is launched

The BP *Pathfinder* Prospectus was launched yesterday. The price of the shares will be announced on October 15, and on October 20 the full prospectus showing the offer price will be available. Applications must be received by 10am on Wednesday, October 28, at the latest. Further details: page 25.

Closing date

The Cheshire Building Society's Capital Plus Special Issue account will close on October 3. The minimum *investment is £10,000*, on which interest is 8.6 per cent net. The rate rises to 9.2 per cent net on amounts of £25,000 or more. Withdrawals are subject to 60 days' notice or 60 days' loss of interest.

New from the Pru

Prudential Holborn is a new company *launched* by the Prudential Corporation this week and aimed at the upper end of the financial services market. It includes the Prudential's Holborn Unit Trust company, Prudential Holborn's life and pension companies and Prudential PEP Managers.

Royal defends its high-profile sell

Royal Life has rejected suggestions that it may be flouting the law in its mega-marketing *campaign to attract £300 mil*lion from unit trust investors.

Royal is blitzing the nation's television screens and newspapers with almost £6 million of advertising. Some estimates put Royal's total *spending as high as £10 mil*lion, including the cost of direct mail to potential customers.

But it is Royal's publication in national newspapers (including *The Times*) of the names and telephone numbers of "officially appointed dealers to the new issue" that has troubled some of Royal's competitors. The usual rule on unit trust marketing is that units are regarded in law as securities, just like shares. Only stockbrokers, licensed dealers in securities and members of the Financial Inter*mediaries, Managers* and Brokers Regulatory Association (FIMBRA) can deal in unit trusts with the public.

Even though the new Financial Services Act is not yet fully effective, a 1958 law makes unauthorized dealings a crime, carrying a jail sentence of up to two years.

There have been complaints from parts of the unit trust industry that Royal's published list of "officially appointed dealers" includes some that are outside the *legally* authorized structure.

Paul Talbot, managing director of Brown Shipley Unit Trust Managers, has written to the Unit Trust Association questioning whether Royal is acting properly.

Peter Baines, general manager of Royal Life Fund Management, is convinced his company is acting properly. *Mr Baines took legal* advice in the summer and was satisfied with the answers he got. Then as recently as Wednesday this week Royal's solicitors were again adamant that Royal was acting correctly. In a nutshell their opinion is that the prohibition on dealing in securities without a licence does not apply to a person who *acts on behalf of a* manager of an authorized unit trust scheme.

Many of Royal's "officially appointed dealers" do come into this category and those who do are effectively acting as post offices without actually handling client money direct.

Mr Baines says there is nothing unusual about this. His believes Royal is being criticized because of its high profile. "There's an awful lot of cant around at the moment," he says.

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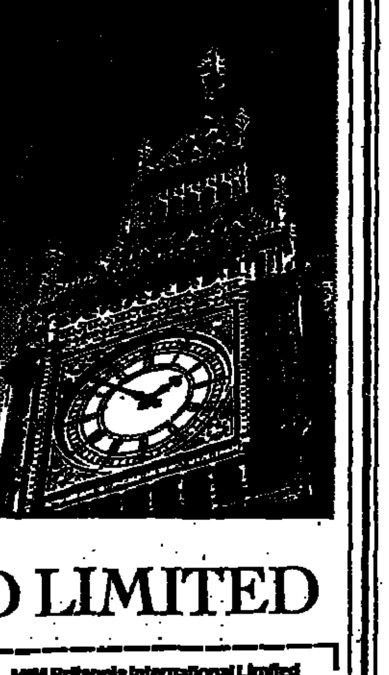

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Gold is in favour, say the experts

■ Gold investment offers the best long-term return in relation to all other assets, according to Michael Lenhott, of stockbrokers Capel-Cure Myers, writing in the latest issue of *Gold Update*, published by the International Gold Corporation. Mr Lenhott says: "A small holding of gold at this stage is a worthwhile and inexpensive hedge on the risk of being out of a bull market for gold."

In the same issue of *Gold Update* Julian Emery, of brokers T.C. Coombs, writes that a volatile but positive price trend should continue. He bases his view on the fact that influential factors remain positive, such as long-term rising inflationary trends. In addition, he says, political uncertainty caused by the situation in the Gulf could result in a move of substantial funds into gold.

■ Midland Bank's gold card already includes a number of frills, such as a £10,000 overdraft facility at 2.5 per cent over base rate. This week Midland announced more add-ons for gold card customers. Among these are a 15 per cent discount on travel insurance and a special mortgage rate. Customers wanting endowment or pension-linked mortgages of £50,000 or more will get a reduction of 0.25 per cent on Midland's house mortgage rate. Alternatively, they can opt for a fixed-rate mortgage without an arrangement fee.

The reduced house mortgage rate is at present 11.25 per cent (APR 11.8 per cent). The rate for the fixed-rate option is 11.6 per cent (APR 12.1 per cent) for periods between one and five years.

■ There is no let-up in soaring house prices, according to Abbey National, Britain's second biggest building society. Abbey says the average price of a house has risen by £2,800 to £45,000 in the past three months alone.

The rate of price rises in the third quarter of this year has been strongest in Yorkshire and Humberside with an increase of 10.3 per cent, pushing the average cost of a house here to more than £30,000 for the first time. Prices in the West Midlands and the North-West also moved up strongly in the third quarter.

The rate of price rises in Greater London, where the average house price is now £72,000, and the South-East (£65,000), has slackened slightly, but the running has been taken up by the South-West and East Anglia. Both these regions reported higher price rises compared than in the second quarter.

Northern Ireland was the only region to record a price fall. The average house price in Northern Ireland is now £27,000, making it the cheapest area for housing in the UK.

■ In last Saturday's Family Money article on the payroll giving scheme it was stated that Greenpeace is not a charity and is therefore ineligible to receive tax-fee funds.

Greenpeace has asked us to point out that it is eligible to receive contributions under the payroll giving scheme. The confusion arises because it is the Greenpeace Environmental Trust, a registered charity, that is able to receive these contributions. Greenpeace Ltd, the campaigning arm of the organization, is not a charity and therefore is not eligible.

■ The National Savings Stock Register is expanding its service to personal investors. From October 9, investors will be able to purchase eligible new issues of gilts from the Bank of England, and transfer them to the National Savings Stock Register.

This facility offers three attractions: there is no commission on purchases through the Bank of England, the commission on sales through National Savings is low, and dividends are paid gross through National Savings. Purchases will be limited to £10,000 on every occasion.

At the same time, National Savings is increasing the number of existing gilts on the register by 21, bringing the total to 70.

■ The Government is to introduce legislation to safeguard an employee share ownership tax privilege, which is under threat.

Norman Lamont, Treasury Financial Secretary, said this week that employees or directors were sometimes allowed a priority allocation when an offer of shares in their company was made to the public at a fixed price.

Norman Lamont: priority

This could confer a benefit on the employee or director where, because of preferential treatment, he receives more shares than if he had subscribed as an ordinary member of the public, and the value of the shares at the date they are allotted to him exceeds the issue price he paid.

In the past, the Inland Revenue has not normally assessed such benefits but it now seems that under existing employment income law they should be taxing the individual.

To avoid this, legislation will be included in next year's Budget, but the concession comes into force officially from this week, subject to the priority allocation to employees and directors not exceeding 10 per cent of the total share offering. The provision will apply to all public offerings of shares, not just privatizations.

■ Touche Ross Management Consultants estimates that complying with the *Financial Services Act* will cost the insurance industry at least £250 million. This figure includes the cost of authorization, review of procedures, the adaptation of systems and training.

John Harrison, of Touche Ross, says that without taking the right action now, insurance companies and brokers will find they have to spend even more. "If they don't understand the implications of the major new concept of polarization, 'know your customer', 'best advice' and 'competence', they will be leading their companies into a bureaucratic cul-de-sac."

Touche Ross has launched two guides that examine the major issues for the insurance industry of the Financial Services Act and which identify the most cost-effective ways of dealing with it. Copies of *Insurers and the Financial Services Act* and *Investment Intermediaries and the Financial Services Act* are available from Department FSA 4, Touche Ross Management Consultants, Hill House, 1 Little New Street, London EC4A 3TR, at £4 each, including postage and packing.

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■ Girobank Visa cardholders are being offered the chance to win a trip for two to the winter Olympics in Canada next February. To enter the competition, customers must use their Girobank Visa card three times before October 31, 1987, answer three questions about the Olympic Games and complete a tie-breaker. The winners will fly to Canada for five nights, will be given tickets to some of the events, and will receive £500 in travellers' cheques. A hundred runners-up will each receive a sports bag.

■ Following the enthusiastic reception by readers of Family Money's privatization table last Saturday, we publish an updated version of the table below in the light of the BP Pathfinder Prospectus, which appeared yesterday.

As we pointed out last week, TSB is not technically a privatization but it is often thought of in this way by private investers — hence its inclusion. TSB reports that many shareholders have not yet paid their second and final instalment of 50p per share.

Earlier this week TSB sent reminder letters to 53,000 of its shareholders who have not yet paid. Money outstanding from the late payers amounts to £30 million.

TSB says it believes many of the overdue payments can be put down to house moves, moves abroad, holidays or illness or even the stock market's current backlog of share transfer registrations. "We will show every consideration in these cases,", says TSB. However, anyone who does not have a valid reason for non-payment should respond immediately or risk the loss of shares.

Issue	Issue date	Issue price (p)	Instalment due date	Current price	Over 12 months High (p)	Low (p)
Brit Petroleum (31.5%[4])	Oct 79 Sept 83 Oct 87[1]	363 435	Fully paid Fully paid	374	410	212.67
British Aero	Feb 81 May 85	150 375	Fully paid Fully paid	513	688	430
Cable & Wireless	Oct 81 Dec 83 Dec 85[2]	168 275 587	Fully paid Fully paid Fully paid	484	484	277
Amersham Int	Feb 82	142	Fully paid	640	645	395
Britoil	Nov 82 Aug 85	215 185	Fully paid	332	359	113
Assoc British Pts	Feb 83 Apr 84[2]	112 270	Fully paid	632	673	273
Enterprise Oil	June 84	185	Fully paid	342	348	124
Jaguar	July 84	165	Fully paid	565	628	501
British Telecom (49.8%[4])	Nov 84	130	Fully paid	263	334	178
TSB[3]	Sep 86	100	Fully paid	139	152	100
British Gas	Nov 86	135	Apr 88 (40p) (final)	174	208	68.91
British Airways	Apr 87	125	Fully paid	212	234	125
Rolls-Royce	Apr 87	170	Fully paid	203	281.50	170
BAA	July 87	245	May 88 (145p) (final)	140	146	100

[1] Fixed price offer Oct 15, Latest share registration Oct 28, Dealings begin 2.30 pm Oct 30 [2] One-for-one scrip issue 1985 [3] Not technically privatization [4] Remaining government stake [5] Two-for-one share split on May 1

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1 Jan 1985	£2,760	£2,182	£1,282	£1,318
1 Jan 1987	£5,080	£3,270	£1,400	£1,502
1 Sept 1987	£7,799	£4,573	£1,435	£1,569

All performance figures include income reinvested net of basic-rate tax. Mercury Recovery Fund figures reflect the price at which units could have been sold. Source: OPAL & MICROPAL

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British Blue Chip	54.5p	54.5p	2.62	15 May/15 Nov
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Recovery	338.5p	369.1p	1.27	15 June/15 Dec

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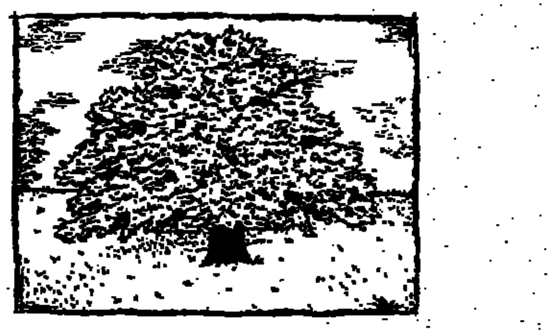

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How interest can rise to shock levels

CREDIT CARDS

Stephen and Rochelle Chevern: two money mysteries solved

Interest rate calculations are something of a mystery for most people, but when Stephen Chevern, a chartered accountant from London, saw how much interest his wife Rochelle had been charged on two of her credit card bills, his first thought was that a mistake had been made.

Although the actual amounts of interest were small, Mr Chevern felt that in relation to the outstanding balances they were peculiarly high. He raised the point with Girobank Visa card and Welbeck Finance — the credit card subsidiary of the Burton Group.

The Girobank saga began in May when Mrs Chevern's payment missed the due date and arrived a day after the statement had been compiled. As a result of this delay, the statement dated May 27 showed an outstanding balance of £183.83, on which interest calculated at the prevailing rate of 2 per cent a month, amounting to £3.51, had been charged.

The next statement, dated June 27, therefore showed a credit of £183.83, received on May 28. It also showed that all the new transactions that appeared on the May statement had been repaid in full ahead of the due payment date. So far, so good.

But what neither Mr nor Mrs Chevern could understand was why the statement on June 27 had a further interest charge of £3.86. As far as they could see, this could relate only to the £183.83, on which, they admitted, they should have been charged interest for one day, and the previous interest charge of £3.51, which Mrs Chevern had omitted to pay, and had therefore been outstanding for one month.

Surely, the interest on £183.83 for one day and on £3.51 for one month could not be £3.86? When Mr Chevern raised this with Girobank, his wife's account was duly recredited with both amounts.

A similar situation arose with Mrs Chevern's account at Debenhams — part of the Burton Group. Here, to clear the account, she needed to repay £45.23 by August 3. Her payment of £45.23, however, was not received by Debenhams until August 19, two statements later. Debenhams duly applied two service charges, one for £4.23, the other for £5.70. These were based on an interest rate of 2 per cent a month. So, £45.23 owed for 16 days appeared to cost £9.93.

Debenhams offers to provide a written explanation of its interest calculations on request. Mr Chevern asked for such an explanation, but having failed to receive one, he telephoned the customer services department earlier this month.

His wife has now been told that the interest charges will be refunded.

Family Money decided to investigate. Unfortunately, the interest calculations vary from one credit card to another, so it is impossible to give a blanket explanation. There are, however, certain similarities.

Girobank looked at Mrs Chevern's account again, and explained how the charges had been calculated. In fact, no error had been made by the credit card company. To understand why, it is useful to go back to basics.

In common with other credit cards, such as Access and Barclaycard, the Girobank Visa gives cardholders an interest-free period of 25 days running from the date of the statement. However, depending on when a transaction reaches your account, your total free credit period could run much longer.

Customer gets the benefit of the doubt

For example, a statement dated the first of the month may list purchases going back to the second of the previous month, yet payment will not be due until 25 days after the statement date.

The snag is, that if you do not settle your Girobank Visa account in full on the due date, you effectively lose your free credit period. The computer reads an account as either paid (in full) or not. So, even if a part payment has been made, interest is applied. The interest is calculated on an average daily balance, determined by taking the date every amount appears on the statement.

Interest then runs to the next statement date, but as any repayment is taken into account on receipt, the average daily balance is recalculated every time a credit reaches the account.

In Mrs Chevern's case, because she had not paid the £3.51 interest, the account had not been settled in full, and so all transactions during the period were used to determine the average daily balance. This was reduced on receipt of payment.

Girobank explained that because Mrs Chevern's payment had been delayed for only a short period it was prepared to waive the interest, on the grounds that it may have been partly responsible for the delay.

By refunding the £3.51 charge, it had to re-credit the second charge of £3.86, as this would not have been incurred if the £3.51 had not been outstanding. A spokesman for Girobank said it was policy to give the customer the benefit of the doubt.

The Debenhams credit card operates on a similar basis. Its charge is based on the average daily balance throughout the period covered by the statement, and includes not only repayments, but also any new purchases. Mrs Chevern's charge was so high because she had spent a further £245.77 between July 20 and July 24.

Even though this was not due for repayment until September 1, it was included in the calculation because the £45.23 was outstanding.

David Cavell, managing director of Welbeck, says: "In a nutshell, if you clear the account, you get a free credit period. If you don't, you get a line of credit on which interest is charged, and this applies until you clear the account."

Mr Cavell added that, like Girobank, the company always gives the customer the benefit of the doubt. In Mrs Chevern's case, agreeing to the refund was partly a goodwill gesture and partly because one substantial item had been debited to the account before the goods were delivered.

Although the methods used for calculating interest vary from one credit card company to another, there is a lesson that can be learned from the Cheverns' experience.

First, make every effort to clear your account every month, but if you cannot, try not to use the card again until you have settled in full. However, if you do use the card, but find that you can afford to repay all or part of the outstanding sum before the next due date, do so, as this will reduce your interest bill.

Amanda Pardoe

Pay up on time!

At both Access and Barclaycard, if a cardholder fails to repay in full by the due date, interest is charged on the actual daily balance from the statement date, not the date the items were debited to the account.

The statement date, remember, will be later than the dates on which the various transactions reach the account. So there is no interest charged between the date of the transactions and the date of the statement on which they appear.

There is an important difference between the two card companies. With Barclaycard, no interest is charged in the month when the balance is paid in full, even if part of the balance has been carried forward and includes an interest charge from the previous month. Access, on the other hand, charges interest right up to the date of repayment.

To demonstrate, if a cardholder fails to pay £100 due on September 1, the next statement on September 7 will show £100 plus interest, due by, say, October 1. If the customer pays in full by October 1, the next statement will still show an interest charge. This will relate to the period between September 7 and October 1.

In a situation such as this, therefore, it would be wise to clear the debt as early as possible, rather than wait for the due date.

Both Access and Barclaycard take any credits into account on receipt.

SCHOOL FEES

Howard returns to the ISIS list

C. Howard & Partners has been reinstated on the list of school fees planning specialists published by the Independent Schools Information Service.

ISIS struck the firm off the list and told it to remove the ISIS logo from its literature back in April.

The reason for this decision was simple — the firm had suffered a mass exodus of staff, as a result of which the ISIS committee felt that the new team at Howard no longer had sufficient experience of school fees planning.

Jeff Williams, managing director of Howard, was adamant that the decision was unjust, and set about reversing it with a vengeance. "I didn't let up. I wanted to persuade them that the allegation of not having experience was wrong, so I gave them a more comprehensive presentation than I think they've ever had before."

Mr Williams says he wrote to or telephoned ISIS every week. In April, ISIS had said it was possible that applications would be re-considered at a committee meeting in October, but that spring 1988 was a more likely date.

Mr Williams was not prepared to wait that long.

He maintains that his relationship with ISIS was amicable throughout: "I did not seek legal advice and I did not point any pistols at anyone's head."

Nevertheless, ISIS was motivated to call a special committee meeting on September 10, for which the only item on the agenda was the Howard application to reappear on the ISIS list.

Claire Austin, of ISIS, says that, regardless of any pressure from Howard, the committee made its decision on the basis of the information supplied. Likewise, it will take this approach when Allied Dunbar re-applies.

Allied Dunbar was removed from the list at the same time as Howard because there was some disquiet over their selling techniques.

Miss Austin says: "Allied Dunbar has behaved in a very gentlemanly fashion. The company accepted the decision, but said at the time that it would be seeking to reapply."

Jeff Williams: "no let-up"

Sue Douthwaite, Allied Dunbar's school fees consultant, said yesterday: "My breath has been taken away a bit. After the decision in April, we cleared up the problems here, and were waiting to reapply next spring.

"I didn't realize you could appeal in this way. I'm hoping to arrange a meeting with David Woodhead, the national director of ISIS, next week.

"Obviously, we'd like to get back on the list as soon as possible."

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The windfall problem

BORROWING

What would you do if you suddenly found yourself with a windfall of £5,000 or £10,000? Would you spend it on a cruise or try to find a more practical use for it, such as paying off the outstanding part of your mortgage?

Martin Taylor, of accountants H.W. Fisher & Co, says: "In the later years of a repayment mortgage you are paying a very high rate of interest on the outstanding capital. So we try to advise our clients to see if they have any spare cash to repay the mortgage three or four years in advance."

In many cases, however, you would be using the money more wisely if you kept the loan going, because a mortgage remains one of the cheapest forms of borrowing.

Interest rates on bank loans are generally pitched at between 2 and 4 per cent over base rates, and the loans are usually for much shorter terms than the average mortgage. So a sum borrowed at UK mortgage rates of around 11.25 per cent over 25 years is relatively cheap money.

As a result of the increasing numbers of endowment and pension mortgages sold in recent years, many homebuyers will also have to take into account the tax relief they are getting.

For example, an unmarried couple with a £60,000 pension mortgage are getting two lots of MIRAS – £30,000 each – plus tax relief on the pension premiums.

Charles Wishart, of mortgage brokers John Charcol, says: "We would ask the client whether the terms of the borrowing are not sufficiently attractive that they could use the windfall cash better elsewhere."

You may decide, for instance, that you could make better use of the money investing it in the stock market, or buying more equipment for your business. If this windfall represents the only ready cash you are ever likely to have, maybe a compromise would be in order.

Selling will help to reduce the loan

Geoff Purves, at the Halifax Building Society, says: "If someone came to us with £10,000 and wanted to pay off the remaining £8,000 of a mortgage, we might suggest he repay part of it and simply lower the monthly repayments.

"But because a mortgage is a cheap form of credit, it is, generally speaking, better to keep it going and try to get a better return elsewhere."

In middle age, many people want to reduce their financial commitments significantly. Selling the large family house and moving to a smaller house or flat will help substantially to reduce your mortgage loan.

It depends on individual circumstances, but if you can afford to keep the mortgage going, you might do better to invest the money you make selling the family home in something that will generate additional income for you when you retire.

Generally, then, you should not be too keen to pay off your mortgage early, unless you feel that you could use the extra monthly cash or you simply want this financial burden off your back once and for all.

Indeed, the reality is that many people do pay off their mortgages early, regardless of whether it makes sound financial sense.

Paul Marks, at brokers Chase de Vere, says: "As a financial adviser I am bound to say that you should keep £30,000 outstanding to take advantage of the tax relief, but we very rarely come across clients who view it that way.

"They love to pay their mortgage off and be able to say that they own their house outright."

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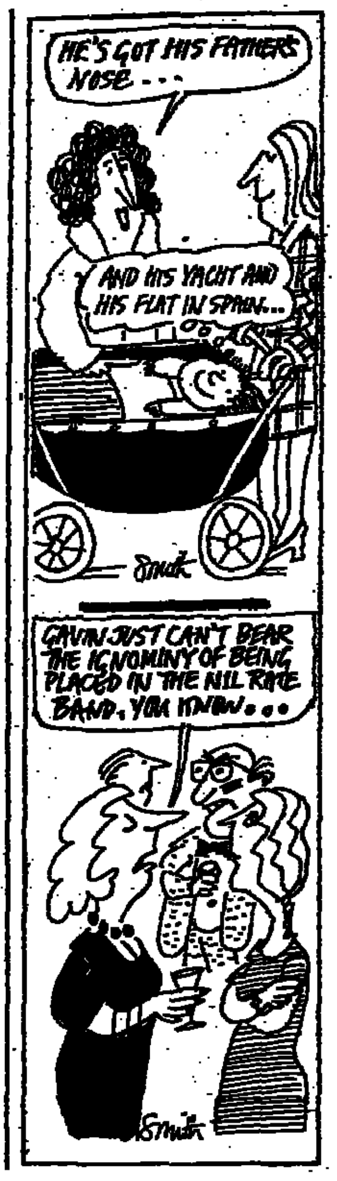
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IHT

Gavin and Mary are concerned about the inheritance tax (IHT) their children will have to pay when they die. However, as Gavin and Mary are still in their mid-sixties, their own financial security may be a more pressing priority.

They have been advised to give away large sums now or at least when the first of them dies. But they are unhappy about how this could affect their income – especially in the long term. After all as one gets older, comfort becomes increasingly important and possibly very expensive.

The home that Gavin and Mary bought many years ago is worth about £250,000. There are also a flat in Spain that might fetch £50,000, and a portfolio of shares valued at £100,000. Antiques, jewellery and other items aount to roughly £20,000. The grand total is about £420,000.

As their wills are now written, the IHT on this amounts to £156,000, of which £90,000 would be taxed at 60 per cent.

Their wills say that the estate of whoever dies first will pass to the survivor. Only after they have both died will their assets pass to the children. So there would be no IHT on the first death but all their assets would be added together and taxed at the second death.

Smaller house would release some cash

Every year the IHT rates have tended to be adjusted broadly in line with inflation; so if the estate continues to grow faster than prices generally, the potential tax bite could increase substantially.

The sheer size of this potential tax bill concerns Gavin and Mary. There seems little point in careful financial husbandry if every extra pound they save or add to their wealth will only end up as 40p in their children's hands and 60p in the taxman's.

Their income comes from three main sources. There are the dividends from their portfolio – roughly £5,000 a year, including tax credits. The present state retirement pension of £3,298 for a married couple makes a significant index-linked contribution, and there is also an occupational pension scheme. This brings in £8,000 a year, but it does not escalate at all and it reduces to less than £3,000 a year if Gavin dies before Mary. Their annual income after tax is therefore just under £13,000.

Passing down as much as possible either now or at the first death would certainly help with the IHT situation.

For example, if Gavin died first and £90,000 was passed down to the children at that time, no IHT would be payable, because the transfer would be within the nil rate band. The potential taxable estate could therefore be cut to about £330,000, on which the tax would be £102,000, thus saving £54,000.

Gavin and Mary both think they could afford to pass down about £90,000 at the first death. This could mean giving the children the flat in Spain, which produces very little income, and it would probably also mean the survivor moving to a smaller house and releasing some cash as a result of the sale.

They therefore agree to alter their wills to pass down the nil rate band at the first death. But even after the £90,000 transfers, the tax bill is likely to be a hefty £102,000.

If Gavin died first, there would be little point in passing down more than the nil rate band directly from his estate because that would mean paying some tax. It would be better for the remaining assets to pass to Mary so that she could immediately make a potentially exempt transfer to the children. This is a lifetime gift that is tax-free so long as Mary lives for seven years after making it.

So, for example, if Gavin died first, £90,000 would be passed to the children direct from his estate. The remaining £330,000 would then go to Mary, who would make a transfer of, say, £100,000 more, which would not involve any tax payments as long as she lived for the next seven years.

Her estate would potentially be about £230,000, on which tax would be £52,000.

The trouble is that Gavin and Mary are nervous about the strategy that depends on giving away so much at the first death. It looks rather inflexible and seems to involve such a reduction in the survivor's income.

An alternative approach might be to use a whole life assurance policy on their joint lives gifted in trust for the children. For example, assuming they are both 65 next birthday and are non-smokers in good health, the annual premium would be about £1,150 for a sum assured of £50,000, that is, the tax saved on the £100,000 extra transfer about which Gavin and Mary are so nervous. And for just under £2,340 a year they could cover the whole tax liability of £102,000.

The advantage of the life policy is that it pays out tax-free after they have both died, whenever that occurs. The drawback is that they are more or less committed to paying out a sum every year.

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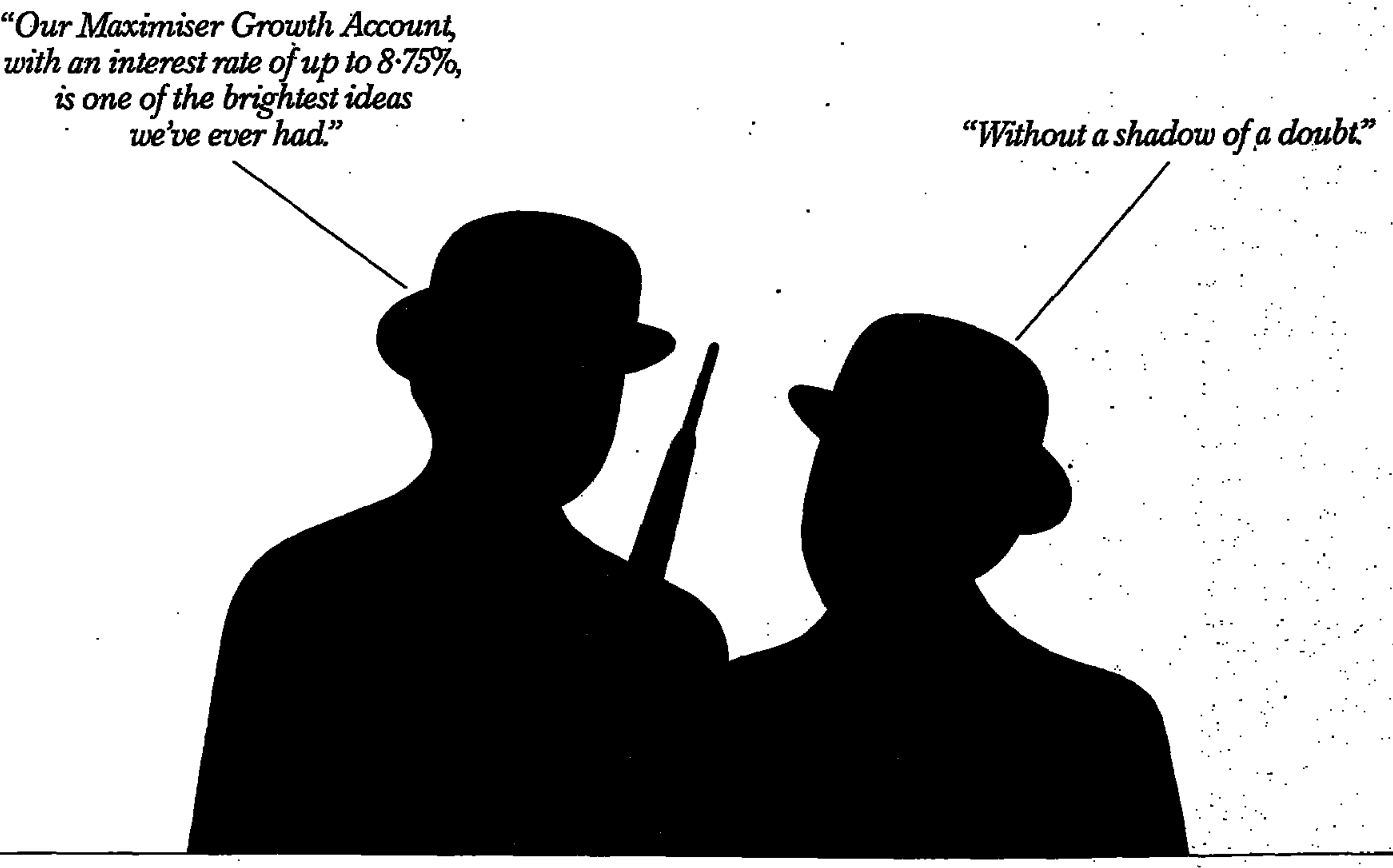
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Still together, but splitting for tax

TAXATION

A booklet published earlier this year by the law firm Nabarro Nathanson contains 101 handy hints on how to save tax, the first of which is: "Do not marry!"

Staying single has a number of tax advantages, not least of which is that a couple can get mortgage interest relief on loans of up to £30,000 each, rather than between them.

However, if you have already tied the knot, do not immediately rush to file for divorce. For some couples, particularly those with a smaller mortgage, marriage can bring tax benefits.

For others, the bill may be reduced by opting for separate taxation.

The election must be made by both partners, not more than six months before the year of assessment, nor later than 12 months after its end. It then remains automatically in force until revoked. Again, this must be done jointly, within 12 months of the end of the relevant tax year.

Separate taxation is not the same as separate assessment, under which the same total tax is paid, but each spouse is billed for his or her own proportionate share. Under separate taxation, the couple are taxed more or less as two single people.

In other words, both receive a single person's allowance, which is £2,425 in this tax year, and further income is taxed within the usual bands for each partner, regardless of how much the other earns. The married man's tax allowance, however, is lost.

Investment cash is imputed to husband

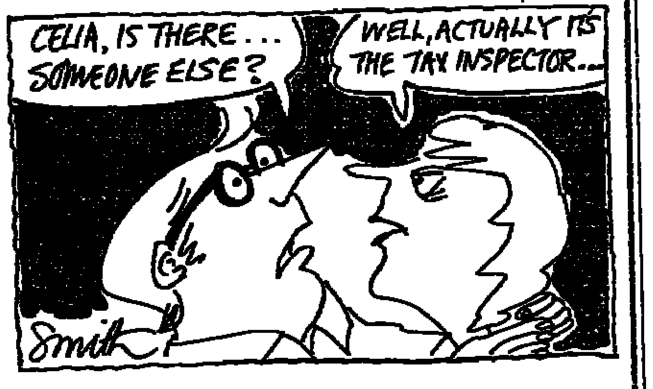
For the purposes of the calculation, a wife's earnings will exclude any pension or other payment that she receives in respect of her husband's past employment, and any National Insurance benefits other than those secured by her own contributions.

More importantly, perhaps, any investment income she may have will be imputed to her husband by the Inland Revenue. A source of some irritation to feminists is that reform in this matter has been talked of, but no decisions have yet been taken.

So when does it pay to opt for separate taxation? The primary criterion, in the current tax year, is that the couple should have joint earnings of at least £26,870, where the lower income is not less than £6,545. As Example 1 shows, this means that neither has to pay tax at more than 27 per cent, which offsets the loss of the married man's allowance.

However, there are many factors that can affect the calculation, the chief one of which is a mortgage. Loans of up to £30,000 attract tax relief on the interest payments at the highest rate available. So if a couple's aggregate income falls into, say, the 45 per cent tax bracket, relief will be given at that rate if they are taxed together.

The effects are illustrated in Example 2. Joint income is still the same £26,870, but now separate taxation is no longer beneficial. because mortgage tax relief would be given only at 27 per cent, instead of 45 per cent at the margin.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WELL, ACTUALLY IT'S THE TAX INSPECTOR...
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The example, incidentally, assumes that the loan is on an endowment or pension basis, so that the interest remains constant (changes in rate apart). With a repayment mortgage, the interest paid, and hence the tax relief due, would gradually reduce over time, which would further change the picture.

With a mortgage of £30,000, and an interest rate of 11.25 per cent, gross annual interest would come to £3,375. A couple would now need joint earnings of £30,245, with the lower income at least £6,545, to gain from separate taxation.

Moreover, it can make a difference who actually pays the mortgage, as relief will be given against that person's income. If one partner falls into a higher tax bracket, he or she will have more to gain from the relief. In the case of a joint income of £30,245, the lower salary would have to be £9,920 or more for it not to matter who was the borrower.

Aside from a mortgage, there may be other factors to take into account. For example, premiums on a pension plan attract tax relief at the highest rate paid. As with the mortgage interest, aggregating both incomes may result in a higher level of relief.

But unlike a mortgage, where the higher earner may be the sole borrower, one partner cannot pay pension premiums for both.

So if the couple are taxed separately, the husband's premiums will attract relief at his top rate of tax, and the wife's at hers. It is not possible to claim all the allowance against the higher income.

Similar considerations apply to capital allowances, deeds of covenant and dependent relative relief. In the latter case, though, there is a small gain if the wife can claim, as the maximum allowance is then £145 instead of the usual £100.

The question can be complicated

For elderly couples, there is another possible trap. Married people who will be over 65 by the end of the current tax year may be entitled to age allowance. This is an additional personal relief, of up to £880 for a married man. However, this cannot be claimed under separate taxation.

Clearly, the question of whether separate taxation will result in a gain or a loss can be a complicated matter. If in doubt, it may be worth taking professional advice, as the tax savings could outweigh the accountant's fee.

Liz Walkington

Example 1: Without mortgage interest tax relief

	Main income (£)	Second income (£)	Combined income (£)
Earned income	20,325	6,545	26,870
Less personal allowance	2,425	2,425	3,795
Less wife's earned income allowance	nil	nil	2,425
Taxable income	17,900	4,120	20,650
Tax payable at 27%	(17,900) 4,833.00	(4,120) 1,112.40	(17,900) 4,833.00
Tax payable at 40%	nil nil	nil nil	(2,500) 1,000.00
Tax payable at 45%	nil nil	nil nil	(250) 112.50
Totals	4,833.00	1,112.40	5,945.50
Total tax payable	5,945.40		5,945.50

Example 2: With mortgage of £30,000, annual interest at 11.25% = £3,375

Earned income	20,325	6,545	26,870
Less personal allowance	2,425	2,425	3,795
Less wife's earned income allowance	nil	nil	2,425
Less mortgage interest	3,375	nil	3,375
Taxable income	14,525	4,120	17,275
Tax payable at 27%	3,921.75	1,112.50	4,664.25
Total tax payable	5,034.25		4,664.25

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Companies in competition to pay out on their patients

John Davies: asked

INSURANCE

The idea of collecting on life insurance before you die has inspired con men and Hollywood movies. But now two companies are fiercely competing with policies that enable you to do just that.

Cannon Lincoln Group's Critical Illness Cover will pay out up to half the sum assured immediately any policyholder with the necessary cover is diagnosed as suffering from a stroke, a heart attack, or invasive cancer, where the disease encroaches on the surrounding tissues, but not skin cancer, or if surgery has to be performed to treat coronary artery disease.

Abbey Life's Living Insurance plan will pay out a lump sum when the policyholder is diagnosed as having a range of illness, including heart disease, cancer, a stroke and kidney failure, or has heart surgery, or suffers permanent disability.

Three out of five adults are likely to fall eventually into these categories

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The idea behind both plans is the same. As John Davies, of Abbey, puts it: "One of the main problems with life insurance is that the benefit is paid to third parties. We asked people. 'Would you be interested in taking out life insurance if you could receive the benefit?' "

Life insurance is not awfully popular in this country. One in four do not have life insurance, and one in three do not have adequate savings or insurance to cover them against long-term illness.

Yet a recent Gallup survey showed that nearly one in two men worry that sickness will force them to give up work; and just over half the women surveyed fear that it will affect their ability to look after children.

The idea for such policies originated in South Africa and works very much like ordinary life insurance.

The moment a critical or serious illness of the kind specified in the policy is diagnosed, the sum assured is paid out.

The money could be used to try to cope with the illness and its consequences, or to improve the quality of life or the chances of the victim surviving.

In fact, in many cases persons diagnosed as having serious illness will not die immediately.

A patient can live up to 20 years or more after the first heart attack and many recover from cancer to have a healthy life.

Abbey, which claims great success with its plan since it was launched in June, says it now constitutes 10 per cent of life policy sales.

The company has aimed its promotion at the single market where the idea of the person collecting on his or her own life insurance is attractive.

It is a unit-linked whole-of-life plan and contributions are 20 per cent to 30 per cent higher than conventional whole life.

Although in theory contributions can be invested in any one of the 40 Abbey funds, mostly they are invested in the Abbey Life Managed Funds, where at present the bid-offer spread is 5 per cent.

The plan is for those aged 17 to 70, with a lump sum of £100,000 available on confirmed diagnosis.

A joint plan is available for younger couples where the benefit is paid out once on the first claim.

If the awful does not happen and the policyholder does not die of the specified illnesses, then this becomes like conventional life assurance with the next of kin collecting the proceeds.

Cannon, which began offering its plan somewhat earlier than Abbey and is more than a little resentful about Abbey's claim to be the first, has something very similar.

However, Cannon's Critical Illness Cover is an optional benefit to Designer, its universal unit-linked life plan.

For a certain additional premium the policyholder can add on critical illness cover.

Aids is too unpredictable to be included in the range of diseases that qualify

Should the policyholder be diagnosed as having one of the illnesses specified, then he or she could receive a maximum payment of £20,000.

The cover lasts until the age of 65 for men and 60 for women. For a man aged 35 who has £50,000 life cover, an additional £10,000 critical illness cover could see premiums rise from £28.15 a month to £33.

It is interesting that neither plan covers Aids. Cannon confesses that it is just too unpredictable to be included in the range of diseases.

Mihir Bose

Home-making starts with a good share

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For many people, stepping on to the first rung of the house-buying ladder is far from easy, particularly in the South-East. The latest Halifax house price index shows that, nationally, house prices rose by 14.5 per cent over the year to the end of August 1987.

Regionally, the increases are even more startling. In Greater London house prices rose by more than 22 per cent, in the South-East more than 23 per cent, and in East Anglia more than 27 per cent.

Seven years ago, as part of the Conservative Government's determination to increase home ownership, the promise of a helping hand was extended to those wishing to buy but lacking the means.

The 1980 Housing Act enabled housing associations, traditionally providers of homes for rent, to apply for government funds to provide homes for sale, through special low-cost home ownership schemes such as shared ownership.

At present, housing associations provide homes for about a million people, most of them in the rented sector – young single people, low-income families, the elderly and the disabled. Much of their money is in government grants.

The Housing Corporation, itself a government-funded body, was set up by Parliament in 1964 to promote voluntary housing associations. It registers associations, allocates funds and has a monitoring and supervisory role. About 2,600 associations are on the register, although only about 200 are involved in share ownership.

Prices rising too fast is a problem

Shared ownership was introduced to help people who cannot afford to buy a home outright. Schemes are offered mainly by housing associations, although local authorities have also had some involvement. Through shared ownership, a share of the property is bought, and rent, which is re-assessed every two years, is paid on the remainder.

Gradually further shares are bought until the borrower owns 100 per cent of the property. The borrower owns his or her share of the property on the basis of a long lease, usually 99 years for the first owner, while the housing association or local authority retains the freehold.

When, or if, outright ownership is attained, the borrower will be granted the freehold or, in the case of a flat, a new long lease.

The advantages of shared ownership are obvious. A single person in London, where the average price of a terrace house is almost £74,000, would normally need an annual income of more than £24,000 to obtain a 100 per cent mortgage based on three times income.

If this person could start by buying a 50 per cent share, he or she would need to be earning only £12,000.

One problem to bear in mind, however, is that of house prices rising faster than incomes, especially when only a small portion of the property is bought. While this situation continues, the ultimate ambition of owning 100 per cent of the property will be for ever out of reach.

Roland Ashley: 'high demand'

However, the prime problem is the unavailability of shared-ownership homes. The Housing Corporation's 1987-88 expenditure is £705 million, of which only £98 million will be allocated to the various types of home ownership schemes. And 80 per cent of funds will be swallowed up by existing projects, leaving only 20 per cent for any new ones.

In the first year that the housing associations were able to offer homes for sale, 96 were sold under shared ownership schemes. This increased the following year to 3,125, while in the boom year of 1983-84, 7,574 shared ownership homes were sold. This then fell off dramatically in 1984-85 to 2,459.

The most recent figure available is for 1985-86, when the number crept up slightly to 2,879. The reason for the sharp drop from the 1983-84 high is, quite simply, the cutback in public spending.

Roland Ashley, the home-ownership officer for the National Federation of Housing Associations, emphasizes that demand, especially in London and the South-East, is by far outstripping supply at the moment. Many associations have actually closed their waiting lists.

Though not wishing to portray a picture of complete hopelessness, Mr Ashley is reluctant to raise false hopes. Many associations, he explains, are not looking to encourage applications.

However, the outlook is not all gloom and doom. Both the Housing Corporation and the National Federation of Housing Associations expect more shared-ownership homes will be available in the future, although the likelihood is that they will be privately funded.

Further hope for potential borrowers has come recently from the Woolwich Building Society. Its latest lending initiative, the equity mortgage, is modelled closely on shared ownership.

This type of mortgage has been made possible by the recent Building Societies Act, which enables societies to have a share in residential property.

As with traditional shared ownership, the borrower buys only a share of the property, the minimum being 60 per cent, and the building society takes the remaining equity share. Should the borrower decide not to increase his share when the property is sold, the society takes a percentage of the capital appreciation of the property equal to its equity share.

The expectation is, however, that borrowers will be able to buy their property outright within five years. The property is then independently valued and the borrower's mortgage is increased to accommodate this, provided, of course, that his or her salary is sufficient to cover this increase.

Alternatively, the borrower may buy out the remaining equity in two equal instalments.

Steven Jones, regional development officer for Woolwich Homes, says the equity mortgage has two distinct advantages over traditional shared ownership.

The first is that the borrower acquires full legal interest from the outset, doing away with the freeholder-leaseholder relationship and making the process simpler.

Secondly, borrowers do not have to pay rent on the portion they do not own. Full interest is due on the share that is owned, with the interest rate on the remainder as low as zero per cent or, at most, 1 or 2 per cent.

Scheme being offered on a limited basis

The level at which this interest rate is set depends mostly on the area in which the property is situated. In the South it is unlikely that the borrower will have to pay anything because the building society can be sure of making money on the appreciation of the value of the property.

However, even where the borrower has to pay 1 or 2 per cent, it is unlikely to amount to more than the rent that would be payable on a shared-ownership home, and the rate is fixed.

This scheme, too, is being offered on a limited basis. Initially at least, the mortgages are available only on homes built by Woolwich Homes (1987), the housing development arm of the Woolwich Building Society, in partnership with housing associations and local authorities.

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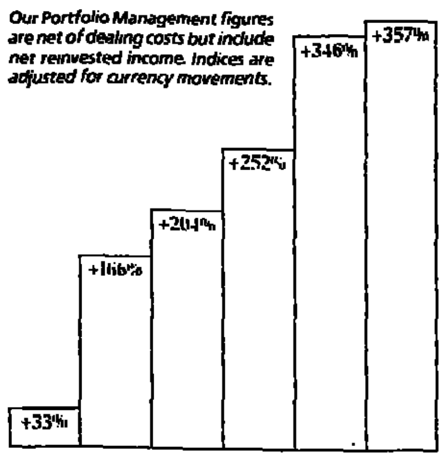

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For each of these dates

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The double helping

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Nicholas Rowley: a warning

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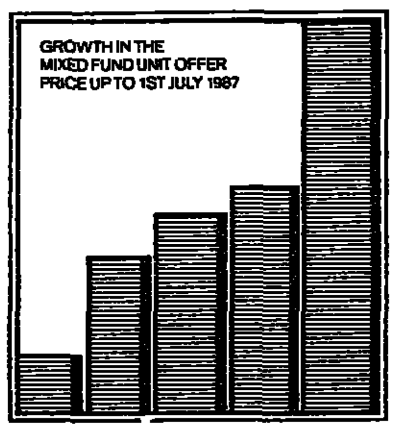

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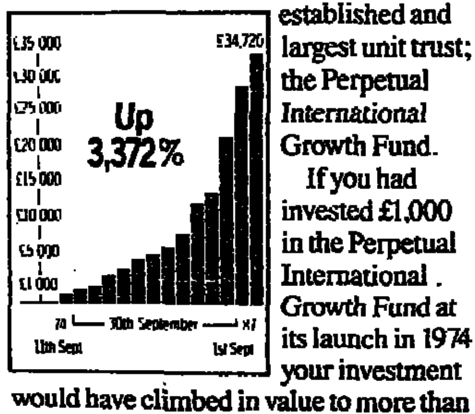

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exercise prices of 240p and 280p will be set. These are known as series and we have Sure Profits October 240 series and so on. Should the price fall below 260p for some time, or rise above 280p, then new series for October, January and April, but at different prices, will be introduced.

The price you pay for the traded option is known as the premium and this will reflect market demand. This premium has two values, an intrinsic value and a time value. Remember this premium can change in value very quickly.

Let us take the example of Sure Profits trading at 254p. The January 240 options are available at, say, 28p. The intrinsic value of this premium is 254p - 240p = 14p. The *remaining 14p* that you are required to pay to buy the options represents what is called the time value.

You are prepared to pay this because you believe that Sure Profits' share price will rise during the next few months. Go forward a few months to April and you will see the time value of the premium is greater, and in general the longer the life of an option the higher is its premium.

As we have seen, the exercise of the option can be more or less than the price of the share at a given moment. If it is below the ruling share price then the option is "in-the-money". If it is above it is "out-of-the-money". If they both happen to be the same, the option is "at-the-money".

The exercise price of an option is fixed, but the share price can vary, so options can *move quickly from in money* to out of money and vice versa.

Two other concepts are important. Delta is the relationship between the share price and the premium you have to pay for the traded options. Just because the share price moves up by 10p, it does not follow that the premium will also increase by 10p. It might increase by just 1p.

The other things to be careful about are the bid-offer spreads. They can be enormous. Woolworth, for instance, *has a bid-offer of 7p* on most of the contracts. Hanson, in contrast, has 1½p.

The favoured slow starters

After a slow start options have become a favourite with institutions, which have devised a number of strategies to use them as a *hedge against risk*.

Some of the strategies have even acquired exotic names such as butterfly and the strangle, with the short butterfly and the short strangle being the counter-strategies. *Many of these strategies* do not have much relevance for the private investor. However, there is one position the private investor might find useful.

Market rumour says a bidder *is stalking* Sure Profits. The stock is up 25 per cent to 250p. You feel the bid would push the price far higher but do not fancy buying in case the bid does not take place.

Let us say there is a February 250 call listed at 18p and a February 250 put at 15p. The investor buys each one for a total outlay of 33p. The range of prices is 250p - 33p = 217p at the bottom end and 250p + 33p = 283p at the *top. You have created what is* known as a straddle, making two long positions.

If the share price moves above or below this range then there is profit. The exercise price of 250p is the price of *maximum loss.*

Sure Profits convincingly denies there is a bidder and the stock falls to 205p. The put option is sold for 45p and gives a 30p profit on an investment of 15p (200 per cent), and a 12p profit on the total investment of 33p (36 per cent). The call option is retained and may produce profits if the share price increases again.

If, however, you expect the stock market to dawdle along, not doing very much, then you might think of writing an option. This is how the straddle *would work. You write* a straddle consisting of a July 300 Sure Profits call for 29p and a July 300 put for 22p. The total premium you receive will be 51p and as long as the price of Sure Profits remains *within the range of* 249p-251p (300p - 51p = *249p; 300p + 51p = 351p*) you are making money. But if the stock moves *outside* this range then there is trouble.

‘They can be used to gear portfolios’

If the price rises to 338p, you lose 9p on the short call and the put expires worthless. This gives an overall *13p* profit. If the stock has fallen to 262p, you would lose 16p on the put but still make 13p, as the call would be worthless. Risky but not as risky as writing uncovered puts or calls. Not everybody feels quite so cautious about writing options. Graham Wellesley, of Hoare Govett, says: "We favour writing options. They can be used very effectively to gear portfolios."

Your money is invested in BP. But you fancy BAA and think they are going to rise *beyond the present 140p-143p.* You write a February 140 put at 8p. On the third trading Wednesday in February BAA closes at 140p or above. Your profit is 1,000 x 8p = £80. If it falls to 132p *then you will have to buy the* stock, but by then you may be able to come out of BP, post-flotation, and use the money to buy BAA.

For a minimum £100,000 investment Hoare Govett's Managed Options Account offers you a discretionary management and a conservative strategy. With £10 million funds under management Hoare Govett caters for larger *private clients.*

TRADED OPTIONS

But you do not need quite that much to dabble in traded options. At Smith New Court Investment Services the minimum investment is £10,000. You can get a discretionary service or an *advisory service* where the broker will ring to seek instructions about particular investments. But if you go for an advisory service make sure you have a Topic screen to monitor the fast-*moving traded options scene.*

The Smith New Court service is aimed at the smaller private investor, but Nicholas Rowley points out: "We make it clear that not more than 10 per cent of any investor's *portfolio should be in traded* options. So those who take our service will have an investment portfolio of £100,000. If the minimum investment in options is £100,000 then your portfolio must be worth a *million and you do not need to* be a millionaire to invest in traded options."

What you do need to do is study the subject thoroughly.

There are several courses. The London School of Investment (01-370 0867) offers 10 lectures for £119 and a fortnightly newsletter. Subscrib*ers also get a dummy run using* a notional £10,000. City Investment School (01-353 4453) has 12 lectures for £195 with a weekly market newsletter and simulated trading with an imaginary £10,000. *The best introduction* is available from the Stock Exchange (01-588 2355), which offers excellent introductory booklets and inexpensive evening lectures.

Once you know a little about *options* you can *think of* subscribing to the various newsletters. They include the fortnightly *Traded Options Newsletter*, at £145 a year, and the *Cambridge Investment Research*, at £385 a year, or *Chart Analysis Ltd, at £875* a year.

Mr Rowley says: "While it is not as risky as putting your shirt on the 3.30 or playing roulette, it is riskier than investing in the equity market. *However, you can cut your* losses and, used flexibly, it can make you money."

Portfolio Gold

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 29).

Share No	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Weekly Total
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2	+8	+7	+6	+5	+5		
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7	+7	+7	+6	+7	+6		
8	+7	+4	+4	+6	+2		
9	+8	+6	+5	+5	+8		
10	+6	+3	+4	+7	+5		
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SHARE ISSUES

While you are being bombarded with publicity on the privatization of BP, a great deal of preparatory work in the City goes unseen. JOHN ROBERTS explains

Small savers dipping a toe into share market waters through privatizations would not normally be conscious of how the stock market is carefully set up for the event.

Most important is that no large or attractive issues are floated at the same time to compete with the government issue.

Under the Control of Borrowing Order introduced almost 30 years ago (itself an easing of previous post-war regulations) the Bank of England's consent is needed on the timing — though nothing else — of any new issue of shares, fixed-interest stock or other security for more than £3 million.

Some dates booked months ahead

The idea is to avoid a disorderly market with a sudden rush of unmanageable demands for cash that would disrupt the economy.

Recently the arrangement has appeared to break down.

With the BP share issue imminent and an apparent *breakdown of the orderly* arrangements, Ian Plenderleith seemed to be the right man to talk to.

Mr Plenderleith has the *power to regulate the issues* queue. But he does not use that power.

"We work with the grain of the market to help maximize the flow of capital-raising operations simply by providing a service," he says. "We have the limited function of avoiding inadvertent clashes."

Companies will, through *their brokers, book dates* sometimes months in advance. Others will give shorter notice.

In some opportunistic takeovers, where the bidder is offering cash raised by a rights issue or placing of its shares, Mr Plenderleith gets only minutes' notice.

He says: "In the normal way though, if someone notifies us of their wish and we can see it is likely to clash with another issue, we ask both parties whether they are flexible on their timing.

"We have to use some ingenuity, so sometimes do they and their advisers, to avoid a clash.

"In the last resort, it's up to their judgment. If after we've told them, both issuers decide they can't change, then they can go ahead and there will be an advertent clash.

Ian Plenderleith: 'timing'

"But at least they know that's what is happening and are not taken by surprise.

"We don't crack the whip and forbid it."

Nor do Mr Plenderleith and his *team make a judgment* based on statistical calculation of the cash flow of the pension funds and the insurance companies.

"The market is elastic," he told me. "The alacrity with which it will take up an issue depends on sentiment, the *state of the market*, the *price* of the issue and the view taken of the particular company.

"With the ending of exchange controls it has become such a large international market with such a wide range not just of borrowers but also of investors, it is pointless to strait-jacket it.

"*It is so global that you* cannot fine-tune supply to demand."

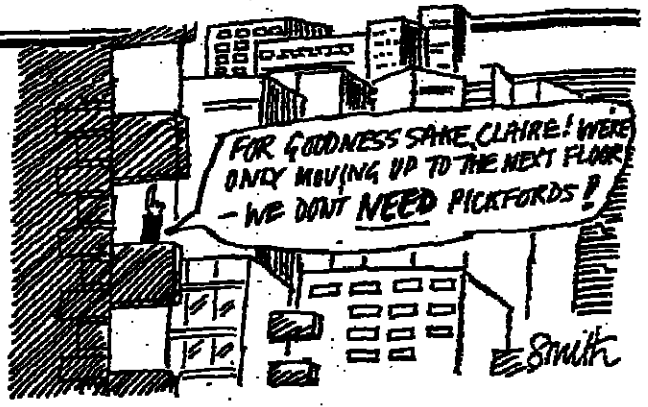
Another myth he laid to rest was that the Bank sets some limit on the amount that may be raised in any period.

"It is the nature of the issue which matters more," he said. "We might say nothing about two large but very different issues almost coinciding but take more note where the two companies were both from the same *industry sector*.

"The most difficult time is like now when there are a large number of outstanding issues priced and announced when the market was higher and then prices fall and make conditions sticky for a time.

"But it doesn't fuss me as much as the City commentators suggest.

"I just don't see it as the Bank's job to make judgments about the level of the market".



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The cool way to move house

REMOVALS

After bereavement and redundancy, moving house is said to be the third most traumatic experience of a lifetime.

On average, people tend to move every five to seven years and nearly 70 per cent move less than six miles. When you move, however, money, time, and trouble may be saved by careful planning.

Although there might seem to be advantages in making your move during the summer it could be less expensive in the autumn or winter.

The cost of moving an average household is from £150 upwards depending on distance, time of move and insurance requirements.

Pickford's marketing and development director, Stephen Jordan, advises: "Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday are best. Some people think that by moving on a Friday or Saturday they will be settled in over the weekend. It usually takes longer than that, so allow a few extra days.

"By moving during the winter and away from more popular periods, there could be a price saving of up to 10 per cent."

Some people are surprised that most removal businesses ask for payment in advance. It is pointed out by the trade, however, that as removers do not need to load an element for bad debts into their price, the customer benefits.

When planning your move *it is a good idea to ask for* quotations from two or three different removers. Make sure, however, that your requirements are precisely stated — particularly insurance cover — and that full details are given of the packing you require from the removers. Remember that they may not be responsible for damage to goods packed by you.

Point out everything that needs to go

It is vital that when representatives call to assess a quotation you show them everything that needs to be moved, including all those bits and pieces in the loft, garage or garden.

Be cautious when comparatively *low prices are quoted* and make sure you read the small print so that you know exactly what is offered. Remember to compare service against service rather than merely price against price.

Nowadays, the contents of the *average house* are valued at between £12,000 and £14,000 and this figure is increasing all the time. When most of your worldly goods are loaded on to a van it is really bad news and could be most expensive if anything goes wrong.

Although it is a good idea to give the removers as much notice as possible, the price quoted will not necessarily be lower because of long notice. Other factors such as availability of vehicles and staff will be taken into consideration.

Beware of fixing a firm date and then being forced to cancel or change it at the last moment. Most removers will expect you to pay a cancellation charge for this.

Many leading removal businesses are members of the British Association of Removers (BAR), which insists on high standards being maintained. Some useful brochures giving advice on moving at home or abroad can be obtained free from BAR, 279 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8SY (01-837 3088).

Helpful hints and check-lists supplied

Large companies such as Pickford's and Hoults also supply *helpful hints on moving* house and check-lists of things to be done when moving.

If you are intending to move overseas make sure that you are fully covered should the removers get into financial difficulty and be unable to deliver your belongings. BAR gives a guarantee on this for all *its members*.

Do not forget that when moving abroad you can buy items such as a refrigerator VAT-free by getting them delivered direct to the removers as an export shipment.

When moving house it *makes sense to have reasonable* insurance cover for your goods and this can be obtained through the removers. *There* are various types of cover. For example, Pickford's can arrange an all-risks policy for goods in transit, the premium being based on a precentage of the removal charges. This covers market value at the time of loss.

When goods are temporarily stored, there is a policy *with the premium based on a* percentage of the storage charge. This does not cover loss or damage by fire.

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LEGAL AND FINANCIAL

One-stop shopping for houses

Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent, looks at the new rules for selling homes and how they affect solicitors

Any week now the Government will lift the lid on exactly how high the stakes will be in the conveyancing market. The Lord Chancellor is expected soon to publish the long-awaited draft rules under the Building Societies Act which will govern how building societies, banks and other "recognized institutions" may offer conveyancing services if they choose to do so.

The rules come in the wake of a flood of financial institutions into the home-buying market. Earlier this month the Abbey National announced plans to create a nationwide chain of 1,000 estate agents under the Cornerstone logo.

Within five years, Abbey National hopes to have more than 1,000 Cornerstone offices, making it the biggest estate agency in the country, equivalent to 10 per cent of the industry.

It is the latest of a dozen institutions to go into the market: others include Nationwide Anglia, the Prudential (Property Services), Royal Life, Hambro (Countrywide), Halifax, LLoyds Bank (Black Horse agencies), General Accident, Hogg Robinson, Team Agencies, Abaco and Provident Financial.

All the techniques are backed by the new technology

A key feature of the new estate agency chains is the "one-stop shopping" approach. The financial institutions have been attracted to estate agency because of the enormous strengths and potential in the market. But it is also because of the opportunities that home-buying and selling provides for numerous outlets to promote mortgage services, insurance and financial advice.

All this is backed by new technology, with branches linked by computer, which in many cases give both details of properties listed as well as up-to-date financial advice. And the new packages for home-buyers may include such ideas as "fall-through" insurance cover to protect against gazumping, which will pay for a certain amount of solicitors' and surveyors' fees.

But where does this leave solicitors and conveyancing? The Building Societies Act will enable the financial institutions to provide conveyancing under certain conditions aimed at ensuring that no conflicts of interest arise.

In the case of building societies, for example, the rules are likely to stipulate that conveyancing services cannot be offered to someone to whom the organization is already lending money. So if it comes to doing the estate agency work and providing the mortgage or doing the conveyancing, most building societies are likely to opt for the former.

As far back as 1985 the National and Provincial Building Society said it was looking forward to working "with" solicitors using new technology to — in the words of Tony Kidd, the society's secretary and legal adviser — "provide a first-class conveyancing service for home-buyers at a substantially lower price."

His society, he said, would not undertake conveyancing in-house as the new powers will enable it to do. One of the reasons was that the creation of the necessary bureaucracy would be unjustified when an efficient local service was already available in the majority of cases, he said.

Latest surveys of building societies show this still to be the case with the majority not interested in coming into the conveyancing market. They cannot use solicitors, because there are rules preventing their doing conveyancing as employed lawyers of financial institutions.

These rules are now the subject of consultation with the profession but first indications are that most solicitors do not favour any relaxation of the prohibition.

If that view is endorsed, as seems likely, by the Law Society's council in December, it will mean any solicitor going to work for a bank or building society to do its conveyancing must leave the profession.

WHAT SHALL I INTRODUCE MYSELF AS? — THEIR SOLICITOR OR THEIR CONVEYANCER?
FOR SALE
Ken Pyne

The financial institutions will be able to employ licensed conveyancers to do the job, although there are not many of them to go round. That is only a matter of time, however, and it may well be that despite any stance the Law Society may take against change, some solicitors would be happy to give up their professional name badge for a secure and well-paid job doing conveyancing for a bank.

So how real is the threat? For the moment it does not look as if banks, building societies and others are ready to move into conveyancing in a big way. But apart from the details of the Lord Chancellor's rules, that may also to some extent depend on whether they can come to arrangements with solicitors to provide an all-in service, conveyancing included.

Conveyancing Exchange, a company formed by a group of solicitors and due to be launched formally next month, would enable them to do just that. The company hopes to recruit several hundred solicitors with between them 1,000 offices.

They will operate under one logo which will be heavily promoted in the national and local media and will provide a conveyancing service at advertised rates, on a percentage scale of the house purchase price.

A package of services offered by lawyer-run property centres

They hope to reach deals with companies, such as building organizations, who want to offer a package to new house buyers inclusive of conveyancing. But that kind of arrangement is at present prohibited by the Law Society rules.

Meanwhile, on a smaller scale, there is much that solicitors can do to offer their own package of services. They have already started doing so through property centres: there are three fully fledged property centres — at Wrexham, Berwick upon Tweed and Crawley — which sell property and offer clients a combined estate-agency and conveyancing fee at roughly two-thirds of the total that the two professions would normally charge.

Twelve firms in Harrogate have also combined to open a property centre and two firms at St Austell, Cornwall, are planning to open one later this year. With the coming into force of the Financial Services Act 1986 next year, solicitors will also be able to offer financial advice as part of this package.

With the backing of a national electronic network, now being looked at by the Law Society, which would tie solicitors in with the Land Registry and other bodies, the individual solicitor will have a fighting chance to keep his share of the conveyancing market.

● *On Tuesday, Career Horizons reports on licensed conveyancers*

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ROWING

Sponsorship designed to create involvement

By Jim Railton

British rowing has been given a unique sponsorship offer but to realize its potential rowing and its supporters have a little work to do — which is no bad thing. The new sponsor on the initiative of the British International Rowing Fund (BIRF) is TSB Trustcard, the Visa credit arm of TSB Group.

Trustcard has guaranteed £75,000 together with a scheme which could inject up to a total of £500,000 by October 1989.

The sponsorship scheme was launched yesterday at Putney, when Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, an Olympic rowing silver medal winner, accepted a cheque on behalf of the sport for £25,000, made out appropriately on two rowing oars.

The scheme is an interesting one. Trustcard has agreed to issue a specifically designed rowing card from October 1. This will be issued free of charge to new card holders who complete a special Trustcard application form, which will be distributed by BIRF. For each new account opened Trustcard will donate £5 to BIRF. In addition to each £100 of transaction turnover on a card a further 20p donation will be made. Trustcard has 2.7 million card holders and 5 million Visa outlets worldwide.

It is estimated that British rowing has 15,000 active participants and 30,000 club supporters. Add to that friends, families, acquaintances and colleagues and a quarter of a million could be reached by taking up the card alone. It is really an offer the sport cannot refuse.

Lethargy however could kill the golden egg. But there are incentive schemes. Each club named on the application form for the card will receive £1. And there are cash prizes for clubs, schools and universities taking up the most cards.

Mr Noel Jenkins, director and general manager of TSB Trustcard, commenting on the agreement said: "Trustcard is proud to be backing one of Britain's most successful sports." Mike Pelham, chairman of BIRF, added: "The scheme gives clubs the chance to exploit our international success to their financial advantage."

The sponsorship agreement covers British international rowing teams, including the 1988 British Olympic squad and the 1988 world lightweight and junior world championship training teams and could remove the perennial complaint of lack of funds for the sport at international level for the next year or so.

CYCLING

Kelly seeking a double

Tomorrow could well be designated Time Trial Sunday both in Europe and in Britain when events against the clock will dominate interest (Peter Bryan writes).

On the French Riviera, at Cannes, Sean Kelly attempts to win his second successive Grand Prix des Nations, a 55-mile time trial. Kelly's win last year came from a desperate final eight-mile effort which he started 39 seconds down on *Laurent* Fignon, of France, the former Tour de France winner, and turned it into a five-second advantage on the line.

At home, attention will be on the final day of the British Best All-Rounder competition and the signs are that Ian Cammish, the St Ives specialist, will stay clear of his rivals. Cammish has a top average speed of 26.094mph for trials at 50 and 100 miles and 12 hours and leads Eddie Adkins, of High Wycombe, by 0.354mph.

But it is in the women's section — where the qualifying events are at 25, 50 and 100 miles — that earlier forecasts have been turned upside down by two incredible rides by a grandmother, Margaret Allen, of Barnsley.

Mrs Allen, a former national champion and colleague of Beryl Burton 20 years ago, last weekend improved her 50 miles time by 13 minutes (bringing it down to 1hr 56min 11sec) and took three minutes off her 25 mile time, clocking 56min, to take over the All-Rounder lead from Christine Spotswood.

HORSE TRIALS

Valuable workout for Leng

By Jenny MacArthur

Virginia Leng, the world and European champion, is giving her top young advanced horse Master Craftsman an outing at this weekend's Ingersoll Engineers Bourton event near Rugby.

Master Craftsman, an eight-year-old thoroughbred who was runner-up at the Stockholm three-day event in June, missed Burghley earlier this month after a training set back — thus preventing Mrs Leng from attempting a fifth successive win. He is due to go to next month's Boekelo three-dayevent in The Netherlands and Mrs Leng hopes that Bourton will provide a suitable preparation.

For Diana Clapham, who was first and second last year on Windjammer and Jimney Cricket respectively, Bourton will be the final outing for her Chatsworth entry, the eight-year-old Welton Esprit, owned by Michael Holliday.

Miss Clapham, whose third place at Burghley on Jimney Cricket was the best British performance, is also entered with Manicou's Gem, the eight-year-old who gave her an unlucky fall at Rudding Park last month.

Other key contenders in the advanced section include *Nicola* May, the daughter of the former England cricket captain, with Jolliaventa, winner at Tetbury last week, and Angela Tucker with two entries — Good Value, who is heading for Badminton next year, and Resolution, a promising new advanced horse who is entered for Chatsworth next week.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FOOTBALL, RUGBY AND OTHER FIXTURES

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First division

Arsenal v West Ham
Derby v Oxford
Everton v Coventry
Manchester Utd v Tottenham
Newcastle v Southampton
Norwich v Nottingham F
Portsmouth v Wimbledon
QPR v Luton
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Watford v Chelsea

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Bath v Altrincham
Dagenham v Boston
Enfield v Kidderminster
Runcorn v Wealdstone
Telford v Lincoln

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION (2.0): Luton v Chelsea; Reading v Fulham; Southampton v Portsmouth (3.0); Tottenham v West Ham.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Bangor City v Workington; Caernarfon v Oswestry; Chorley v Frickley; Gateshead v Gainsborough; Rhyl v Morecambe; South Liverpool v Southport; *Worksop v Mossley*. **First division:** Accrington Stanley v Curzon Ashton; Eastwood v Radcliffe; Stalybridge v Lancaster; Sutton Town v Eastwood Hanley; Winsford v Congleton.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmsford v Burton; Corby v Ashford; Crawley v Witney; Dartford v Gosport; Nuneaton v Redditch; VS Rugby v Dorchester. **Midland division:** Dudley v Grantham; Gloucester v Bridgnorth; King's Lynn v Sutton Coldfield; Mile Oak v Wellingborough; Paget Rangers v Stourbridge; *Rushden v Hednesford*; Trowbridge v Coventry Sporting. **Southern division:** Andover v Dover; Canterbury v Hounslow; Corinthian v Salisbury; Erith and Belvedere v Folkestone; Hastings v Ruislip.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop's Stortford v Bognor; Farnborough v Slough; Hitchin v St Albans; Kingstonian v Barking; Windsor and Eton v Dulwich. **First division:** Chesham v Stevenage; Grays v Walthamstow Avenue; Leatherhead v Worthing; *Staines v Hampton*; Woking v Southwick; Wolverton v Billericay. **Second division north:** Clapton v Wivenhoe; Collier Row v Tring; Rainham v Tilbury; Royston v Hornchurch; Ware v Aveley. **Second division south:** Horsham v Chalfont St Peter; Hungerford v Molesey; Southall v Dorking; Yeading v Petersfield.

FA CUP: Second round qualifying: Clitheroe v Harrogate; Seaham Red Star v Bishop Auckland; Chester-le-Street v Billingham Synthonia; Bridlington v Blyth; Gretna v Fleetwood; Crook v Barrow; *Penrith v Easington Collieries*; Ryhope v Newcastle Blue Star; Tow Law v Farsley; Darlington CB v South Bank; Rossendale v Guisborough; Stockton v Emley; Northwich Victoria v Droylsden; St Helens v Horwich RMI; Macclesfield v Chadderton; Bootle v Marine; Alfreton v Irlam; Colwyn Bay v Buxton; Goole v Brigg; Leek v Hyde; Stafford v Moor Green; Arnold v Matlock; Wisbech v Tamworth; Boldmere St Michaels v Shepshed Charterhouse; Bedworth v Racing Club Warwick; Halesowen v Leicester United; Oldbury v Hinckley; Bilston v Willenhall; Atherstone v Lye; Rothwell v *Alvechurch*; Buckingham v Boreham Wood; Leamington v Worcester; Berkhamsted v Hemel Hempstead; Irthlingborough v Barnet; Bury v Letchworth GC; Haverhill v March; Uxbridge v Baldock; Great Yarmouth v Cambridge City; Harlow v Kingsbury; Histon v Leytonstone Ilford; Wembley v Ruislip Manor; Dunstable v Leyton-Wingate; Hendon v Hertford; Sudbury v Aylesbury; Welling v Walton and Hersham; Burnham v Harrow Borough; Hayes v Darenth Heathside; Chatham v Fisher; Sutton United v Redhill; Harefield v Bromley; Gravesend and Northfleet v Witham; Saffron Walden v Carshalton; Tooting and Mitcham v Pagham; Marlow v Basingstoke; Metropolitan Police v Epsom and Ewell; Ramsgate v Croydon; Littlehampton v Thanet; Banstead v Woking; Eastbourne United v Tonbridge; Whyteleafe v Wokingham; Bracknell v Chichester; Chertsey v Newport IOW; Wimborne v Oxford City; Waterlooville v Yeovil; Weymouth v Radstock; Swanage Town and Herston v Fareham; Ton Pentre v Weston-super-Mare; Mangotsfield v Cheltenham; Barry v Merthyr Tydfil; Barnstaple v Forest Green; Saltash v Ottery St Mary; Tiverton v Bideford.

IRISH LEAGUE: TNT Gold Cup: Ards v Newry; Ballymena v Carrick; Coleraine v Crusaders; Distillery v Linfield; Glenavon v Cliftonville; Glentoran v Bangor; Larne v Portadown.

Second division

A Villa v Sheffield Utd
Blackburn v Middlesbrough
Bournemouth v Leicester
C Palace v Ipswich
Leeds v Manchester C
Millwall v WBA
Oldham v Barnsley
Plymouth v Birmingham
Shrewsbury v Bradford
Stoke v Huddersfield
Swindon v Reading

FA VASE: Preliminary round: Merstham v Southwark Sports. **Preliminary round replays:** Wren v Gosforth St Nichols; Marchon v Dawdon CW; Immingham v Maltby MW; GKN Sankey v Wednesfield; Brereton v Holbeach; Purfleet v Tiptree; Kempston v Burnham Ramblers; Wingate *(Herts) v Abingdon United*; *Bosham v* Burgess Hill; Vale Recreation v Brockenhurst; Wearminster v Wantage.

BEDFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Preliminary round: Ampthill v Shillington; Arlesey v Cranfield; Barton v Wootton Blue Cross; Potton v Electrolux; Stotfold v Leighton.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chippenham v Taunton; Clevedon v Plymouth Argyle; Dawlish v Minehead; Frome v Exmouth; Melksham v Clandown; Poulton v Bristol Manor Farm; Torrington v Bristol City.

DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Ferryhill v Brandon; Spennymoor v Shildon (3.15); Whitby v Consett; Whitley Bay v North Shields.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare v Bridlington Trinity; Belper v North Ferriby; Denaby v Long Eaton; Harrogate Railway v Guiseley; Ossett v Grimethorpe MW; Pontefract Collieries v Hallam; Thackley v Hatfield Main.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherton v Kirkby; Burscough v Formby; Ellesmere Port and Neston v Skelmersdale; St Helens v Colne; Warrington v Glossop.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE (11.0): League Cup: First round replays: Charlton v Crystal Palace; West Ham v Southend. **First division:** Arsenal v Leyton Orient; Cambridge United v Queen's Park Rangers; Chelsea v Portsmouth; Fulham v Millwall; Ipswich v Tottenham; Watford v Gillingham. **Second division:** Bournemouth v Brentford; Bristol City v Tottenham; Colchester v Bristol Rovers; Oxford *v Luton*; *Reading v Southampton*; *Swindon* v Northampton; Wimbledon v Brighton and Hove.

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National division: AFC Cardiff v Milford; Brecon v Haverfordwest; Caerleon v Ebbw Vale; Cwmbran v Blaenrhondda; Llanelli v Bridgend; Pembroke v Pontllanfraith; Port Talbot v Maesteg.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Brentwoods v Old Malvernians; Old Foresters v Old Chigwellians; Old Salopians v Old Carthusians. *First division:* Old Ardinians v Old Wellingburians; Old Bradfieldians v Old Aldenhamians; Old Westminsters v Old Harrovians; Old Wykehamists v Lancing Old Boys.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Inter-county: Essex v London Welsh (at Chelmsford); Crown green champion of champions (at Waterloo Hotel, Blackpool).

CROQUET: All England handicap final (at *Colchester*); *South of England* championships (at Compton Club, Eastbourne).

EQUESTRIANISM: Bourton horse trials.

GOLF: Vagliano Trophy match: GB and Ireland v Europe (at The Berkshire); Vernons open (at Hoylake); WPGA Laing classic (at Stoke Poges); English county finals (at Northumberland).

GRASS SKIING: British championships (at Llanllowell, Gwent).

MOTOR CYCLING: World Championship TT Formula one practice (at Donington).

MOTOR SPORT: *National championship* rally (at Scarborough); Scottish Superprix: Practice day (at Knockhill circuit, Fife).

POWERBOATING: Bournemouth festival.

SNOOKER: Fidelity international (at Stoke-on-Trent).

SPEEDWAY: National League: Berwick v Mildenhall (7.0); Canterbury v Poole (7.0); Stoke v Workington (7.30).

SQUASH RACKETS: Legal and General Yorkshire championships (at Thornbridge, Bradford, 11.0); Northumbria championships (at Kingston's, Newcastle, 6.30 p.m.).

SWIMMING: Southampton City open meet.

VOLLEYBALL: Royal Bank Men's international tournament at (Aston Villa Leisure Centre).

Third division

Aldershot v Brentford (3.15)
Blackpool v Preston
Bristol City v Gillingham
Chesterfield v Notts County
Fulham v Bristol Rovers
Grimsby v Walsall
Northmpton v Port Vale
Rotherham v Mansfield
Southend v Brighton
Sunderland v Chester
Wigan v Bury
York v Doncaster

Fourth division

Bolton v Hartlepool
Cambridge v Halifax
Carlisle v Scarborough
Darlington v Scunthorpe
Leyton Orient v Peterborough
Rochdale v Burnley
Swansea v Crewe
Wolverhampton v Torquay
Wrexham v Stockport

HOCKEY

CLUB MATCHES: Amington v Stafford; Ashby v Beeston; Banbury v Rugby; Birmingham Municipal v GEC Coventry; Blossomfield v GEC Rugby; Brigg v West Bridgford; Bromsgrove v Barford Tigers; Coalville v Corby; Disley v Belper; Grantham v Lincoln; Gynfit v North Nottinghamshire; Hathersage v Mansfield; Huntingdon v Kettering; John Player v Rolls Royce; Kings Heath v Kidderminster; Macclesfield v Buxton; Michelin v Old Halesonians; Newtown v Telford and Shifnal; Stratford v Morpeth; Tamworth v Nuneaton; Walsall v GEC Stafford.

ICE HOCKEY

NORWICH UNION CUP: Cleveland Bombers *v Peterborough Pirates* (6.30); *Fyfe* Flyers v Dundee Rockets (7.15); Medway Bears v Southampton Vikings (5.15); Nottingham Panthers v Durham Wasps (6.30); Telford Tigers v Solihull Barons (7.0).

AUTUMN TROPHY: Sunderland Chiefs v Trafford Metros (6.30); Swindon Wildcats v Slough Jets (5.15).

Fine Fare Scottish League

Premier division

Dundee Utd v Falkirk
Dunfermline v Hearts
Hibernian v Aberdeen
Motherwell v Dundee
Rangers v Morton
St Mirren v Celtic

First division

Dumbarton v Queen of Sth
Hamilton v E Fife
Kilmarnock v Clyde
Meadowbank v Clydebank
Partick v Forfar
Raith v Airdrie

Second division

Albion v Alloa
Arbroath v Berwick
Ayr v Queen's Park
E Stirling v St Johnstone
Montrose v Stenhsmuir
Stirling v Cowdenbeath
Stranraer v Brechin

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: BCP London v MIM Livingston; Oldham v Bracknell; Portsmouth v Sharp Manchester United.

PRUDENTIAL NATIONAL CUP: First round (8.0): Derby Rams v Swindon Rakers; Calderdale Explorers v Bolton and Bury Giants; Alphaprint Hemel and Watford v Bridon Topcats; Draper Tools Solent v Worthing Bears; Stevenage v North London; Stockport Giants v Ellesmere Port Jets (7.30).

NATIONAL CUP (women): First round (8.0): Birmingham v Wirral; Enfield v Swindon.

HANDBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (men): Ashford Tanners v Olympia Cannock; Tryst v Manchester United; Wakefield v Birkenhead.

EUROPEAN CUP (women): First round, second leg: Wakefield Metros v Kraków (Pol).

TOURNAMENT: Go for goal competition (at Brentford Fountain leisure centre).

RUGBY UNION

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP

First division

Bristol v Gloucester
Coventry v Sale
Harlequins v Leicester (at Twickenham)
Nottingham v Orrell

Second division

Rosslyn Park v London Welsh

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL CUP

First round

Askeans v London Irish
Bedford v Barker's Butts
Berry Hill v Salisbury
Devonport Services v Maidenhead
Dixonians v Droitwich
Ealing v Southend
Fylde v Hartlepool Rovers
Leighton Buzzard v Derby
Letchworth v Blackheath
Lewes v Havant
Lichfield v Vipers
London Scottish v Sudbury
Nuneaton v Aspatria
Old Alleynians v Maidstone
Oxford v Camborne
Redruth v Old Culverhaysians
Tynedale v Vale of Lune
Wakefield v Morley
Widnes v Birkenhead Park

TOUR MATCH

Scotland XV v France XV (at Galashiels, 2.30)

OTHER MATCH

Yorkshire v Ulster (at Morley)

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Club matches: Brighton College v Cranleigh; Bournemouth v Eastleigh; Canterbury v Eton Manor; Centaurs v Redingensians; Cheshunt v Barnet; Civil Service v Bromley; Colchester v Harlow; Crawley v Hendon; Ipswich v St Mary's Hospital; Guildford and Godalming v Camberley; Henley v Swanage and Wareham; Hertford v Harpenden; Newbury v High Wycombe; Old Colfeians v Dartfordians; Old Hamptonians v Old Reigatian; Old Meadonians v Mill Hill; Old Millhillians v Upper Clapton; Old Olavians v Greenwich; Reading v Staines; St Bartholomew's Hospital v Beckenham; St Ives v Old Gaytonians; Stockwood Park v Old Albanians; Tabard v Saracens XV; Wembley v Sudbury Court.

NORTH: Club matches: Baildon v North Ribblesdale; Blackburn v Oldham; Bradford Salem v Wheatley Hills; Bramley v Chesterfield; Bridlington v Beverley; *Castleford v Old Crossleyans*; Goole v Old Brodleians; Hessle v Heath; Ilkley v Sandal; Ionians v Scarborough; Knottingley v Malton and Norton; Leigh v Chester College; Leodiensians v Moortown; Northallerton v Wakefield Wasps; Old Otliensians v Hull and ER Spartan; Pocklington v Ripon; Rochdale v Keighley; Rodillians v Driffield; Rotherham v Burton; Sandal v Warrington; Scunthorpe v Cleckheaton; Sheffield Tigers v Southwell; Thornensians v Barnsley; Wharfedale v York; Wigan v Manchester; Wilmslow v Kersal; York RI v Yarnbury.

CLUB MATCHES

Bridgwater v Stroud
Cardiff v Aberavon
Cross Keys v Torquay
Durham v Hull and ER
Ebbw Vale v South Wales Police
Edinburgh Academicals v Bradford
Exeter v Devon and Cornwall Police
Glamorgan Wanderers v Rugby
Gosforth v Broughton Park
Headingley v Wasps
Kelso v Otley
Llanelli v Bath
Lydney v Walsall
Maesteg v Abertillery
Middlesbrough v Birmingham
Moseley v Northampton
Newbridge v Metropolitan Police
New Brighton v Solihull
Newport v Swansea
Northern v Huddersfield
Penarth v Esher
Pontypool v Bridgend
Pontypridd v Neath
Preston Grasshoppers v Davenport
Saracens v Cheltenham
Sidcup v Westcombe Park
Tredegar v Plymouth Albion
Waterloo v Sheffield
West Hartlepool v Roundhay

MIDLANDS: Club matches: Aylestone St James v Trinity Guild; Boston v Sleaford; Broad Street v Towcestrians; Bromsgrove v Stoneygate; Caldy v Edwardians; *Camp Hill v Tamworth*; Evesham *v Oxford Old* Boys; GEC Coventry v Olney; Hinckley v Oswestry; Kenilworth v Bridgnorth; Keresley v Handsworth; Kesteven v Belgrave; Kettering v Saffron Walden; Kibworth v Old Laurentians; Kings Norton v Ludlow; Leek v Telford; Long Buckby v *Earlsdon*; Luctonians v Monmouth; Lutterworth v Old Newtonians; Mellish v Lincoln; Melton v Syston; Newark v Grimsby; Norwich v Moderns; Nuneaton OE v Sihillians; Old Halesonians v Swindon; Old Leamingtonians v Swindon; Old Longtonians v Sandbach; Old Northamptonians v *Stoke*. *Old Boys*; *Old* Saltleians v Redditch; Old Wheatleyans v Old Warwickians; Old Yardleians v Aston OE; Paviors v Doncaster; Peterborough v Leamington; Spalding v Lutterworth; Stratford v Kidderminster; Taunton v Wolverhampton; Westleigh v Sutton Coldfield; Widnes v Burton; Woodrush v Old Coventrians.

IRELAND: Club matches: Ballina v Armagh; Collegians v Dolphin; NIFC v West of Scotland; Portadown v City of Derry; Wanderers v Ards; Ballymena v Stewart's *Melville*; *Dungannon v Munster* President's XV; Old Belvedere v Instonians; Queen's University v Ballyclare; CIYMS v UCD; Malone v Young Munster; Old Wesley v Bangor; Skerries v Academy.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SLALOM LAGER NATIONAL AMATEUR LEAGUE (2.30): Egremont v Heworth; Milford v Dudley Hill; Millom v Pilkingtons; Wigan St Patrick's v Leigh Miners; Woolston v West Hull.

TOMORROW

Barclays League

Fourth division

Newport v Hereford (11.30)

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Castleford v Warrington (3.30); Hull KR v Halifax; Leeds v Salford; Leigh v Wigan (3.30); St Helens v Bradford; Swinton v Hull; Widnes v Hunslet. **Second division:** Bramley v Featherstone (3.30); Doncaster v Oldham; Keighley v Barrow (3.15); Mansfield v Wakefield; Rochdale v Carlisle; Sheffield v Whitehaven; Springfield v *Huddersfield*; Workington v Fulham (3.30); York v Runcorn.

RUGBY UNION

PAUL READ CHARITY MATCH: Grasshoppers v International XV (at Syon Lane, Isleworth, 3.0).

TOURNAMENT: City seven-a-sides (at Richmond Athletic Ground, 12.0, Final: 5.45).

BASKETBALL

PRUDENTIAL NATIONAL CUP: *First* round (4.0): Colchester v JHB Oil Plymouth; Sunderland 76ers v Birmingham Heartbeat; Tower Hamlets v Bracknell Tigers.

NATIONAL CUP (women): First round: Birmingham Aztecs v South Kesteven (3.0); Impact Holidays Sunderland v DEC Tyne Tees (2.0).

NATIONAL LEAGUE (women): First division: London Jets v Nottingham Wildcats (4.0).

HANDBALL

EUROPEAN CUP (men): First round, first leg: Aalsmeer Amsterdam v Manchester United SSS; Liverpool v Reykjavik (Ice) (2.0).

TOURNAMENT: Go for goal competition (at Brentford Fountain leisure centre; *Semi-finals: 11.15 and 2.30; Final: 5.15*).

ICE HOCKEY

NORWICH UNION CUP: Dundee Rockets v Ayr Bruins (7.0); Durham Wasps v Cleveland Bombers (6.30); Murrayfield Racers v Fyfe Flyers (6.30); Peterborough Pirates v Whitley Warriors (6.30); Solihull Barons v Medway Bears (6.30); Streatham Redskins v Telford Tigers (6.15).

AUTUMN TROPHY: Deeside Dragons v Trafford Metros (5.30); Lea Valley Lions v Cardiff Devils (5.30).

OTHER SPORT

CROQUET: All England handicap final (at Colchester); South of England championships (at Compton Club, Eastbourne).

EQUESTRIANISM: Bourton horse trials.

GOLF: Vernons open (at Hoylake); English county finals (at Northumberland).

GRASS SKIING: British championships (at Llanllowell, Gwent).

MOTOR CYCLING: World Championship TT Formula one (at Donington).

MOTOR SPORT: *Scottish Superprix* (at Knockhill circuit, Fife); *British moto cross* championship: Sixth round (at Frome).

POWERBATING: Bournemouth festival.

SNOOKER: Fidelity international (at Stoke-on-Trent).

SPEEDWAY: Knockout Cup: Final, first leg: Mildenhall v Eastbourne (3.30). Herts/Essex Cup: Second leg: Rye House v Arena Essex (4.0).

SQUASH RACKETS: Legal and General Yorkshire championships (at Thornbridge, Bradford, 12.0); Northumbria championships (at Kingston's, Newcastle, 6.30 p.m.).

SWIMMING: Southampton City open meet.

SPORT ON TV

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL: Grand final: Carlton v Hawthorn. C4: 11 p.m.

BASEBALL 1987: NBC Major League: Houston Astros v New York Mets. ITV: 5 a.m. tomorrow).

DARTS: Unipart British professional championship: Live coverage pf the final from Redcar. BBC2: 4.40 p.m. (see also Darts and Golf).

DARTS AND GOLF: Unipart British professional championship: Highlights of the final from Redcar. Ryder Cup: United States v Europe from Muirfield Village, Ohio: Highlights of second day's play. BBC1: 11.40 p.m.

GRANDSTAND: Golf: Ryder Cup from Muirfield Village, Ohio: Report on last night's eight matches; Football focus; Volleyball: Royal Bank Men's international from Aston Villa leisure centre; Racing: 1.45, 2.15, 2.45, 3.25 and 4.0 races from Ascot; Boxing: British lightweight championship: Alec Dickson v Tony Willis; Final score: 4.40 p.m. BBC1: 12.15-5.05 p.m.

SAINT AND GREAVSIE: ITV: 1.05 p.m.

Results service: 4.45 p.m.

SNOOKER: Fidelity international from Stoke-on-Trent. ITV: 2.45-4.45 p.m. Highlights: 11.20 p.m.

Tomorrow

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Action and results from the National Football League plus latest news of the players' strike. C4: 6 p.m.

BASEBALL 1987: All star game: National League v American League from Oakland Coliseum, California. ITV: 4.50 a.m. (Monday).

SNOOKER: Fidelity international from Stoke-on-Trent. ITV: 2.30-4.30 p.m. Highlights: 11.20 p.m.

SUNDAY GRANDSTAND: Sports roundup; Motor Sport: Spanish Grand Prix from Jerez (see also Grand Prix); International golf: Ryder Cup: United States v Europe: Live coverage of the final 12 singles from Muirfield Village, Ohio. BBC2: 1.30-6 p.m.

GRAND PRIX: Formula One World championship: Highlights of the Spanish Grand Prix from Jerez. BBC2: 10.55 p.m.

RACING: TITLE CONTENDERS IN RARE BATTLE AT ASCOT

Henry Cecil's Sanquirico attempts to extend his unbeaten sequence to five in the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot today

Game Shooting Party proves top ammunition for Cauthen

By Michael Seely

The battle for the jockeys'championship continued to dominate the scene at Ascot yesterday.

Steve Cauthen gave a masterly exhibition waiting in front on Shooting Party to foil the late attack of Pat Eddery on Balabina in the Havelet Leasing Stakes for Henry Cecil.

Not to be outdone, Eddery hit back when forcing Bronzewing home half a length in front of Miss Cuddles to capture the Taylor Woodrow Team Charity Stakes for John Dunlop.

But then Cauthen completed a double by coaxing Cecil's Bay Shade to a *half-length* victory in the Kensington Palace Stakes, reducing the gap to three, with Eddery on the 164 mark and Cauthen with 161 victories to his credit.

Shooting Party, who had been heavily backed when a disappointing sixth behind Media Starguest at Windsor last month, here found the form which saw him win races for Louis Freedman at Leicester and Lingfield earlier in the year.

But, after making every yard of the running, Cauthen had to ride his hardest as Eddery attempted to persuade the reluctant runner-up to give her best close home.

Fears that the reigning champion might be in for a suspension for careless riding after Balabina had appeared to bump Polish Count two furlongs from home, were finally allayed after a lengthy stewards inquiry.

The authorities found that, although interference had taken place, it had been caused by Balabina swerving away from the whip of another rider in the race. They therefore ordered the placing to remain unaltered as the result had not been affected.

Shooting Party has been playing a role of galloping companion to *Reference Point for much* of the season. "He's a really game horse and I'd like to keep him in training as a four-year-old," said the proud owner afterwards.

Bronzewing, Eddery's winner, started at the generous odds of 6-1 due to the heavy support for Guy Harwood's runner, *Connue. But the* 7-4 *favourite* ran too freely in the lead before weakening in the closing stages to finish third.

Bought for only 7,200 guineas as a yearling, Bronzewing's courage and consistency has carried the filly to victories in the Esher Cup, at Newmarket and now here for Sir Thomas Pilkington.

"She's got 8st 10lb in the Cambridgeshire and doesn't get a penalty," said Dunlop. "It's a possibility, of course, but I think she earned the right to go for a little group race somewhere."

The remarkable record of Gerald Cottrell in valuable Ascot handicaps continued when Chris Rutter drove Ever Sharp home three lengths clear of Green's Picture in the William Hill Golden Spurs.

The astute Devonshire trainer has not only won the Royal course's £10,000 feature with Young Inca in 1984 and 1985, he has also won other races at Ascot this year with his grey nine-year-old and also with Ever Sharp. "We're now going to go for the Bovis Handicap at the October meeting," said Peggy Cottrell, the trainer's wife.

In contrast to Ever Sharp, Graham Clark, a 19-year-old apprentice from Hawick, was making his first appearance at Ascot, on Real Moonshine in the Ewar Stud Farms Stakes.

Alec Stewart's four-year-old sprinted clear in the straight to beat Jabaraba by three lengths. "The boy rides really well," said the trainer. "Unfortunately, he's rather heavy for the Flat and will have to go jumping in due course."

These are exciting days for Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk. On Thursday, her skyblue colours were carried to victory by Moon Madness in the Cumberland Lodge Stakes. And yesterday it was the turn of Sheriff's Star, a half-brother to the 1986 St Leger winner, to uphold the family reputation in the EBF Mornington Stakes.

Trained by Lady Herries, Sheriff's Star had worked encouragingly with some of Guy Harwood's two-year-olds at Pulborough last Sunday. "He's starting to mature and come to himself," said the Duchess. "He might run in either the Horris Hill Stakes at Newbury or the William Hill Futurity."

Remarkably, Sheriff's Star's only three entries to date have been made in the race he won at Newmarket, yesterday's event and in another contest at Newmarket next week.

Chance for Allez Milord

Allez Milord (*Greville Starkey*) will be seeking to redeem his reputation in the £243,243 Turf Classic over 12 furlongs at Belmont Park, New York this evening.

River Memories (Angel Cordero) provides the French challenge, but both horses will have to be in top form to beat the *ex-Irish Theatrical (Pat Day)*.

The race looks like going to a horse with European connections since Stately Don (Jacinto Vasquez), formerly trained by David O'Brien and running in the colours of Manila's owner Mike Shannon, is also fancied to go close.

● Paul Cole's Working Model (Richard Quinn) contests the £21,566 Prix Minerve (group three), over a mile at Evry today. Tomorrow, our sole representative is Sprowston Boy (Gay Kelleway) in the £20,672 Prix Gladiateur (group three), over 2½ miles at Longchamp.

Gesedeh (Bruce Raymond) takes on Acatenango in the 12 furlongs Puma Europa Preis (group one) at Cologne tomorrow. At the same track, today, Raymond rides Pasticcio in the group three Elite Preis.

Almaarad for successful Irish return

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Hamdan Al-Maktoum's still improving four-year-old Almaarad returns to the Curragh this afternoon for the IR£50,000 group two Blandford Stakes.

Previously, he had enjoyed a comfortable victory in the Curragh Cup before going on to win the Prix Kergorlay and the Grand Prix de Deauville in France.

Although his trainer John Dunlop believes him to be much better suited by good ground, his superior ability should enable him to triumph on soft going this afternoon.

The danger could be the second English challenger, Nisnas, who has drawn a blank so far this season, but ran second over this course and distance last month to Baba Karam.

Sheikh Mohammed's Melodist, trained by Michael Stoute, represents English interests in the other group race, the Juddmonte Futurity Stakes. She may meet her match however in the Vincent O'Brien-trained Gold Discovery, who gave away a lot of ground through inexperience when a narrow first-time scorer over this course.

Blinkered first time

REDCAR: 4.40 Introvert. **ASCOT:** 2.15 Ashayer, 4.00 Rich Charlie.

CARLISLE

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 In Contention. 2.45 Bantel Banzai. 3.15 Wardsoff. 3.45 Light Traveller. 4.15 Green Gorse. 4.45 Curraqui.

Going: soft

2.15 ULLSWATER NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £685: 2m 330yd) (14 runners)

2 000- BALINGLANCE 218 R Layland 5-10-11 J D Davies (4)
4 HYPERION-PRINCE 921 K Morgan 6-10-11 J Osborne (4)
5 /00- LONGFORD PASS 189 K Oliver 7-10-11 J K Kinane
8 00- SUPER BAR 189 J J O'Neill 5-10-11 —
9 WELKNOWN CHARACTER 28 J J O'Neill 5-10-11 G Lyons (7)
11 BLENCATHRA BOY C Parker 4-10-9 —
12 06- FELL MIST 154 D MacDonald 4-10-9 —
13 02F- IN CONTENTION 195 Capt J Wilson 4-10-9 R Crank
14 000- MERCIA GOLD 271 P Daly 4-10-9 Mr M Walsh (7)
15 03-0 NOBLE RISE 21 (B) M Tompkins 4-10-9 A Stringer
16 WEST ENDER J Jefferson 4-10-9 N Doughty
17 0- H AND K WAGER 131 D Gandolfo 6-10-6 E Waite
18 0- MERIDIAN DAWN 143 G Richards 5-10-6 P Tuck
19 MITALA MARIA D Gandolfo 4-10-4 M Richards

5-2 Noble Rise, 7-2 In Contention, 5-1 Meridian Dawn, 6-1 H And K Wager, 8-1 Mitala Maria, West Ender, 10-1 others.

2.45 THIRLMERE SELLING HURDLE (£710: 2m 330yd) (11)

2 0P-0 GOLDEN CROFT 26 (S) D McCain 4-12-0 N Doughty
3 P-02 BANTEL BANZAI 19 P Monteith 4-11-9 D Nolan
4 P KIRKELLA 7 J Dickson 4-11-9 R Crank
6 0- WHERES ARMSTRONG 367 R Gray 4-11-4 P A Farrell (4)
7 DERMOT FAHY W Storey 3-10-7 D Teller (7)
9 6 BESWICK RUSH 28 P Blackley 3-10-2 W Smith (7)
10 FINGERS CROSSED K Morgan 3-10-2 NON-RUNNER
12 SALLY FOXTROT W Storey 3-10-2 A Carroll
13 SUESANDY J Wilson 3-10-2 —
14 00 TUESDAY EVENING 28 R Woodhouse 3-10-2 —
16 P WHAT IF 7 J Berry 3-10-2 J Hansen

4-6 Bantel Babzai, 4-1 Golden Croft, 10-1 Sally Foxtrot, Suesandy, 14-1 Dermot Fahy, 16-1 others.

3.15 RED RUM HANDICAP CHASE (£2,131: 3m) (5)

3 34-3 CLONROCHE STREAM 7 (D,G,S) V Thompson 8-11-10 Mr M Thompson (4)
4 3-03 NEVILLE'S-DELIGHT 28 (BF,G) J J O'Neill 8-11-8 —
5 0107 KAMAL SIDDIQI 982 (G,S) P Charlton 7-11-8 A Stringer
7 U312 WARDSOFF 129 (D,B,F,S,C) T Cuthbert 10-11-4 B Storey
9 -2P8 SHINING BANN 18 (D,S) R Johnson 12-10-8 Mr P Johnson (7)

7-4 Wardsoff, 5-2 Clonroche Stream, 7-2 Shining Bann, 9-2 4-1 Neville's Delight, 6-1 Kamal Siddiqi.

3.45 GREENALL WHITLEY HANDICAP HURDLE *(£1,268: 3m 100yd) (8)*

4 0-60 SOLDBY 19 (F,G) Mrs M Kendall 7-11-10 Mrs M Kendall
5 00-2 POONA EXPRESS 35 (S) J Parkes 6-11-8 —
7 4324 MINIATURE MISS 4 (F,G) W Stephenson 5-11-5 Mr A Costello (7)
8 2P-2 SHUTTLECOCK STAR 19 (S) R Woodhouse 5-11-2 —
10 82-0 LARRY HILL 35 (CD,F,S) Mrs J Goodfellow 12-11-1 B Storey
11 3-34 LIGHT TRAVELLER 18 (F,S) Mrs G Reveley 7-10-13 N Smith (7)
12 P3-4 GOOD TO SEE YOU 26 (F) Mrs S Austin 9-10-12 —
15 0-P0 MAGIC ECHO 18 S Payne 5-10-0 J K Kinane

7-4 Poona Express, 11-4 Miniature Miss, 5-1 Shuttlecock Star, 6-1 *Light Traveller*, 8-1 Good To See You, 10-1 others.

4.15 BROTHERSWATER NOVICES' CHASE (£1,223: 2m 4f) (12)

1 1411 GIOLLA PADRAIG 18 (D,F,G) W Stephenson 8-12-4 —
3 0001 BOTHAM 649 K Oliver 7-10-11 J K Kinane
5 FP33 DANTES TREE 18 R Robinson 8-10-11 T Reed
6 244- FOREST GOLD 161 N Crump 7-10-11 M Hammond
7 242- GREEN GORSE 197 (F,S) N Crump 7-10-11 P Tuck
9 0 IRISH WHISKY 26 (F,G) G Cunard 11-10-11 J Osborne (4)
10 000/ LAST EXTRAVAGANCE 611 D Gandolfo 6-10-11 E Waite
12 FP PALMER'S GOLD 7 R Jeffrey 6-10-11 M Sidebourne
13 P0P/ PAMPERING 514 J Brockbank 6-10-11 B Storey
14 PARKLYN R Layland 9-10-11 J D Davies (4)
16 02-4 SID MCQUAID 18 W Stephenson 6-10-11 K Jones
17 F4FP THE BUTCHER 8 R Woodhouse 7-10-11 —

6-4 Giolla Padraig, 9-4 Green Gorse, 5-1 Dantes Tree, 6-1

4.45 ULLSWATER NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £685: 2m 330yd) (14)

1 -031 RED BILLY 12 (F) K Morgan 4-11-2 J Osborne (4)
5 00- COPPER STREAK 217 N Crump 5-10-11 M Hammond
6 -42F CURRAQUI 4 W Stephenson 6-10-11 A Merrigan (7)
7 /0-0 GILLABONE 26 Mrs M Kendall 5-10-11 Mrs M Kendall
11 030- MR GARDINER 213 (V) M Naughton 5-10-11 A Orkney
12 PONTEUS PILOT 352 D Gandolfo 6-10-11 E Waite
13 00- POTATO PICKER 217 J Jefferson 6-10-11 N Doughty
16 P/ YES SIR YOU SIR 645 F Watson 8-10-11 K Jones
17 P ANNUAL EVENT 19 J Charlton 4-10-9 P Dennis
18 0 COME-N-JOINUS 12 (BF,S) P Charlton 4-10-9 A Stringer
20 0P- FALCON CRAG 282 D MacDonald 6-10-6 —
23 P- ELLIE ON J Goulding 4-10-4 B Storey
24 B00- LOCHLAIREY E Alston 4-10-4 M Alston (7)
25 4-0 RUNNING FOR GOLD G Richards 4-10-4 P Tuck

7-4 Red Billy, 5-2 Curraqui, 6-1 *Copper Streak, Potato Picker*, 8-1 *Running For Gold*, 12-1 *Gillanbone 26*, 16-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: J Brockbank, 5 winners from 27 runners, 18.5%; G Richards, 27 from 154, 17.5%; N Crump, 9 from 58, 15.5%; W A Stephenson, 23 from 190, 12.1%; T Cuthbert, 5 from 56, 8.9%. (Only qualifiers).

JOCKEYS: N Doughty, 23 winners from 112 runners, 20.5%; A Stringer, 8 from 46, 17.4%; K Jones, 9 from 81, 11.1%; P Tuck, 11 from 130, 8.5%. (Only qualifiers).

Ascot results

Going: good

2.30 (1m 2f) 1, SHOOTING PARTY (S Cauthen, 9-1: Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Balabina (Pat Eddery, 4-1); 3, Kalahan (M Roberts, 5-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 7 Polish Count, 10 Calibogue, Johnny Rose, Wood Chisel (4th), 14 Commonsidr Gipsy (5th), 25 Urray On Harry, 33 Beau Nash (6th), Sergeant Smoke. 11 ran. ¾l, 4l, sh hd, ¾l, 1l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £4.80; £1.70, £1.50, £2.00. DF: £6.20. CSF: £40.70. Tricast: £104.98. 2min 02.53sec. After stewards inquiry result stands.

3.5 (5f) 1, EVER SHARP (C Rutter, 13-2); 2, Green's Picture (W Carson, 7-1); 3, Singing Partner (P Barnard, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav In Fact, 7 Not So Silly, 9 Perfect Timing (6th), 10 Our Jock, 11 Careless Whisper, 12 Rotherfield Greys, 14 Wantage Park, 20 Durham Place, *Merdon Melody*, 33 *Pendor Dancer (4th)*, 50 Luma Bid. 14 ran. 3l, ¾l, hd, hd, 2¼l. L Cottrell at Cullompton. Tote: £8.00; £2.50, £2.20, £4.40. DF: £25.50. CSF: £47.85. Tricast: £415.96. 1min 02.02sec.

3.40 (1m) 1, BRONZEWING (Pat Eddery, 6-1); 2, Miss Cuddles (J Lowe, 33-1); 3, Connue (W Carson, 7-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 6 Twyla, 7 Taysha, 9 Island Charm, 16 Spring Sunset, 20-1 Hopespringsforever (6th), Saffron Light (4th), Sherbella (5th), 33 D'Azy, Rio Piedras. 12 ran. ¾l, 2l, 1½l, 2¾l, 1l. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £4.70; £1.40, £5.10 £1.40. DF: £89.90. CSF: £144.32. Tricast: £434.25. 1min 44.71secs.

4.15 (1m 4f) 1, REAL MOONSHINE (G Clark, 10-1); 2, Jabaraba (T Lang, 6-1); 3, Tender Type (Dale Gibson, 9-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Burly Native (5th), 7 Paleface, 8 Blenders Choice, 12 Fourth Tudor (4th), Gibbous Moon (6th), 14 Maliman, 25 Qualitair Flyer. 10 ran. 3l, nk, 3l, 1½l, 3l. A Stewart at Newmarket. Tote: £11.30; £2.30, £2.10, £1.40. DF: £44.00. CSF: £62.86. Tricast: £166.12. 2min 36.78sec.

4.50 (7f) 1, SHERIFF'S STAR (A Clark, 6-4 fav); 2, Ancient Flame (W Carson, 20-1); 3, Smart Roberto (S Cauthen, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Halcyon Days (5th), 8 Black Sabbath (4th), 10 Voltage, 12 Cruise Ship, 20-1 Farayar, Flying Light 33 Camden Knight, Cobo Bay, Saratela Bobkes (6th). 12 ran. ¾l, ¾l, 1l, 1½l, nk. Lady Herries at Arundel. Tote: £2.50; £1.40, £4.10, £2.50. DF: £36.20. CSF: £30.58. 1min 32.08sec.

5.20 (7f) 1. BAY SHADE (S Cauthen, 3-1); 2, Sudden Love (R Cochrane, 4-1); 3, Shoalih (J Reid, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Relative Secret (6th), 6 Oh So Smooth (5th), 7 River Serenade (4th). 6 ran. ¾l, 2½l, 1½l, 4l, 8l. H Cecil at *Newmarket*. Tote: £4.10; £1.70, £2.40. DF: £12.90. CSF: £14.40. 1min 32.64sec.

Jackpot: Not won. Pool of £25,000 carried forward to Ascot today.

Placepot: £45.60.

Redcar

Going: good to firm

2.15 (7f) 1. Valentine (W Ryan, 11-4 fav); 2, Loch Fleet (9-1); 3, Jiqueno (10-1); 4, Pernienta (14-1). 17 ran. NR: Goscar. Sh hd, 1½l. H Cecil. Tote: £3.50; £1.70, £1.10, £3.00, £6.40. DF: £9.60. CSF: £27.61. Tricast: £181.09.

2.45 (7f) 1. *Glen Finfaig (P Bloomfield*, 6-1); 2, Eva Faro (6-1); 3, Afford (9-2 fav). 17 ran. 1½l, 2l. Tote: £4.50; £1.60, £3.20, £2.50. DF: £25.30. CSF: £47.59. No bid.

3.15 (7f) 1, Allsyn Lady (W Ryan, 11-2); 2, One Man Band (10-1); 3, Saker (2-1 fav). 14 ran. 5l, ¾l. H Cecil. Tote: £6.00; £2.00, £9.90, £1.10. DF: £376.30. CSF: £54.64.

3.45 (1m) 1, Fitterisa Park (J Quinn, 33-1); 2, African Queen (12-1); 3, Glory Gold (13-2 fav); 4, Kirkby Flyer (12-1). 21 ran. 1½l, 7l. R Whitaker. Tote: £406.20; £198.70, £3.30, £1.80, £2.10. DF: £411.00. CSF: £371.33. Tricast: £2,633.18.

4.15 (1m 4f) 1, Shvali (P Brette, 6-1); 2, Lumberjack (15-8 fav); 3, James Stanley (14-1). 9 ran. 3l, 3l. A Hide. Tote: £9.30; £1.80, £1.30, £5.70. DF: £12.50. CSF: £17.83.

4.45 (2m 115yd) 1, Deftly (A Munro, 2-1 fav); 2, Running Money (11-1); 3, Vestal Flame (8-1). 11 ran. ¾l, 4l. C Elsey. Tote: £3.10; £1.70, £3.60, £2.00. DF: £29.20. CSF: £23.09. Tricast: £137.59.

5.15 (7f) 1, Paresse (W Ryan, 5-1 jt-fav); 2, Ned's Aura (10-1); 3, Home Light (9-1). Oh So Lucky 5-1 jt-fav. 16 ran. NR: Tudorground. Sh hd, 5l. E Weymes. Tote: £8.50; £2.90, £2.20, £1.90. DF: £160.80. CSF: £55.90. No bid.

5.40 (1m) 1, Sandford Prince (R Hills, 5-1); 2, Laughing Moon (Evens fav); 3, Rodchenko (9-2). 16 ran. NR: Ancient Ritual. 3l, 1½l. Tote: £3.50; £1.50, £1.60, £1.10. DF: £4.60. CSF: £10.87.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: Dubai Champion Stakes at Newmarket: Bint Alnasr. All engagements (Dead): Cape Felix, Bright Fellow, Swing River Sonstan.

Worcester

Going: firm

2.30 (2m ch) 1, The Welder (B Dowling, 12-1); 2, Oyster Pond (20-1); 3, Knockbrack (33-1). Butlers Pet 3-1 fav. 14 ran. NR: Makstrano. 15l, 2l. R Lee. Tote: £9.20; £2.90, £5.10, £8.20. DF: £91.30. CSF: £182.86. Tricast: £6303.84

3.0 (2m hdle) 1, Killary Bay (M Dwyer, 7-4); 2, Bedrock (11-8 fav); 3, Athlete's Week (20-1). 7 ran. 7l, 8l. N Tinkler. Tote: £2.70; £1.60, £2.00. DF: £4.30. CSF: £4.75. Bought in for 3,400gns.

3.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, New Song (R Rowe, 9-2); 2, Wye Lea (Evens fav); 3, Camella's Choice (16-1). 12 ran. 10l, 15l. M Oliver. Tote: £3.90; £1.30, £1.50, £3.90. DF: £3.50. CSF: £9.22.

4.0 (2m hdle) 1, Anything Better (A Charlton, 9-4); 2, Acclaim (8-1); 3, Rainbow Lady (4-1). Sure Landing 11-8 fav. 7 ran. 3l, 5l. G Balding. Tote: £3.90; £1.90, £2.00. DF: £5.70. CSF: £17.96

4.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, Tullamagrange (R J Beggan, 50-1); 2, Miss Felham (10-1); 3, Fair Examiner (50-1). Light The Lor 7-4 fav. 11 ran. NR: Spot The Patch. 2½l, 15l. P O'Connor. Tote: £18.10; £3.40, £1.70, £12.30. DF: £116.40. CSF: £411.21.

5.0 (3m ch) 1, Ace Of Spies (B Powell, 6-4 fav); 2, Gratification (100-30); 3, Abervantar (R Dunwoody, 40-1). 6 ran. 3l, 10l. Mrs G Jones. Tote: £2.90; £1.80, £1.40. DF: £2.30. CSF: £6.19.

5.30 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Ganaro (R Guest, 20-1); 2, Tebitto (5-4 fav); 3, Hogmanay (16-1). 23 ran. NR: Stormchaser. 5l, 6l. G Balding. Tote: £66.50; £18.50, £1.60, £4.70. DF: £33.00. CSF: £43.67.

Placepot: £214.85

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RACING

Flying Miesque can take centre stage

By Mandarin

If the best advertisement for racing is the sight of a top-class horse in action then the promoters of the inaugural Festival of British Racing at Ascot today could have wished for no finer ambassador than Miesque.

The appearance of Europe's outstanding miler in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes sets the seal on a fascinating and constantly entertaining six-race programme, the most richly endowed meeting ever staged in this country.

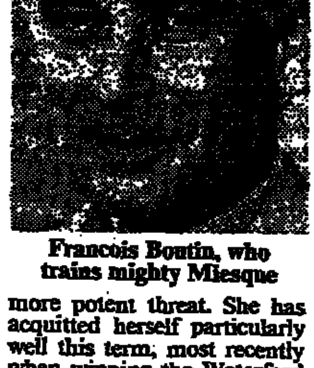
Miesque's attraction is not merely in her record, although that in itself, liberally sprinkled with group one successes, including the English and French 1,000 Guineas, speaks volumes for her ability.

What also endears her to racegoers is the manner of victory, her searing finishing speed reducing other top-class horses to mere supporting players.

It is difficult to envisage any other script this afternoon, and she should give Steve Cauthen, who stands in for the suspended Freddie Head, a memorable ride.

She faces just four opponents, three of them trained by Michael Stoute. Sonic Lady, the choice of stable jockey Walter Swinburn, was the leading miler of her sex in Europe last year, but she has been lightly raced this term and has been intermittently troubled by back problems.

This is a tough task for her in the light of that, and it could be Milligram who poses the more potent threat. She has acquitted herself particularly well this term, most recently when winning the Waterford Crystal Mile at Goodwood, and her form at the highest level stands close scrutiny.



Francois Boutin, who trains mighty Miesque

However, this looks like another win for the Francois Boutin-trained Miesque.

The two top juvenile races on the card, the Hoover Fillies' Mile and the Royal Lodge Stakes, may both be won by Henry Cecil with **Diminuendo** and **Sanquirico**, respectively.

Diminuendo is unbeaten in her three starts, her best effort being the 1½-length defeat of Magic Of Life in the Cherry Hinton Stakes at Newmarket in July. That is solid form as Magic Of Life subsequently ran third to Bluebook and Aim For The Top on King George day here, and last Saturday won the Mill Reef Stakes at Newbury.

Sanquirico, also unbeaten, faces much his sternest task here but this mile should be right up his street. He has showed himself to be a talented and determined front-runner and emphatically accounted for Golden Wave at Sandown Park last month.

On a line through Golden Wave he holds Undercut, who beat Golden Wave in the Lanson Champagne Stakes at Goodwood in July. I also wonder if this relatively short straight may be against Undercut, who quickened steadily rather than immediately at Goodwood.

However, for the nap I turn to **Norman Invader** in the Tote Festival Handicap. Although this is an undoubtedly tricky contest many of those in the top half of the handicap are fully exposed and I side with a horse who is near the foot of the weights and may yet have scope

He was unlucky not to have won at Doncaster last time out, being blocked in his run at a vital stage, and seems to be best when coming with a late run, as he should be able to do here.

Trampship is well weighted on the strength of her Park Hill Stakes win, Lake Erie is a serious danger despite top weight while Wishlon, in the same ownership as Trampsphip, should not be dismissed lightly.

Handsome Sailor, from the in-form stable of Barry Hills, may be too good for Hallgate in the Diadem Stakes, while Michael Stoute introduces a highly-regarded newcomer in Dabaweyaa in the Blue Seal EBF Stakes.

STRATFORD

Selections

By Mandarin

2.30 Killary Bay. 3.0 Signalman. 3.30 Jack Ramsey. 4.0 Colonel Christy. 4.30 Chief Runner. 5.0 King's Jug. 5.30 Trackers Jewel.

Going: good

2.30 MICHAELMAS SELLING HURDLE (£938: 2m) (11 runners)

1 0-31 KILLARY BAY 1 (V,D,BF,G) N Tinkler 5-11-8 M Dwyer
2 /B12 MUSICAL WILL 12 (D,BF,F) F Jordan 5-11-8 C Smith
6 231- FANDANGO BOY 190 (D,G,S) R Frost 4-11-4 J Frost
7 001- HENRY PADWICK 350 (D,F) Miss S Wilson 4-11-4 S Davies (7)
9 43-P FANNY ROBIN 1 (D,F) M Castell 4-10-13 M Bowlby (4)
11 -442 HOME OR AWAY 42 J Baker 4-10-12 M Williams
12 341- ICARO 119 (B,D,F) M Pipe 4-10-12 J Lower
15 0 POKEREE 21 D Leslie 4-10-12 S J O'Neill
17 CHAISE LONGUE 210 H O'Neill 5-10-9 G McCourt
18 F- LOWARA 190 D Marks 4-10-7 D Gallagher (4)
21 44-4 TANAGON 32 H O'Neill 4-10-7 Miss G Armytage

5-2 Icaro, 3-1 Killary Bay, 5-1 Fandango Boy, 7-1 Musical Will, Home Or Away, 10-1 Fanny Robin, 14-1 Henry Padwick.

3.0 ANTHONY ROBINSON NOVICE CHASE (£1,696: 2m) (10)

1 11F0 BRUFF ACADEMY 32 (F) R Lee 6-11-8 B Dowling (4)
2 -132 ASMID 14 (F,S) (V,D) Mrs J Chadwick 8-11-4 J Duggan
8 0-00 LE GRAND MAITRE 21 G Roe 6-10-12 P McDermott (7)
9 3-00 MATCH MASTER 25 (F,G) H O'Neill 8-10-12 G McCourt
12 03F O K SON 7 K Wingrove 8-10-12 W Worthington
13 010- SIGNALMAN 148 (G,S) O Sherwood 6-10-12 S Sherwood
14 -3F SMART MART 14 F Yardley 8-10-12 R J Beggan
16 100- YANK BROWN 584 (G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-10-12 M Dwyer
20 00F- TIMBER TOOL 159 (S) Mrs G Jones 5-10-10 C Smith
23 NOVEMBER TIDE T Casey 6-10-5 R Dunwoody

11-8 Signalman, 6-1 Bruff Academy, Asmid,

3.30 BENRAAD ATAG HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,632: 2m 6f) (10)

2 3-12 JACK RAMSEY 7 (C,BF,F,G) F Walwyn 7-11-10 K Mooney
3 102- WILD FLYER 158 (G) R Lee 6-11-8 B Dowling (4)
4 400- MERRY JANE 158 (G,S) E Owen jun 6-11-8 D Skyrme (7)
6 00-0 RUBY FLIGHT 7 (S) B Eckley 5-10-8 J Bryan
8 020- WELSH OAK 145 (C,F,G,S) D Gandolfo 7-10-0 M Williams
9 033- VIPSANIA 159 (S) Mrs M Rimell 6-10-0 D Browne
11 34-1 WELL COVERED 7 (F,G) R Hollinshead 6-10-0 (6ex) P Dever
15 00-2 AVEBURY 22 (B,F) F Jordan 5-10-0 C Smith
16 00-4 TIPTONIAN 7 (G) K Bridgwater 8-10-0 A Webb
17 30-P BALLYGLUNIN 14 (F) A Denson 7-10-0 R Goldstein

9-4 Jack Ramsey, 11-4 Well Covered, 5-1 Wild Flyer,

4.0 MITCHELLS & BUTLERS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,738: 3m 2f) (5)

1 122- CASTLE ANDREA 127 (G) D Jeffries 9-11-10 M Jenkins
5 -111 COLONEL CHRISTY 15 (CD,F,G,S) H O'Neill 12-11-1 (5ex) G McCourt
7 1-12 DEEP SOUTH 8 (B,F) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-10-9 M Dwyer
8 4P8- DARGAI 197 (D,G,S) R Armytage 11-10-8 Miss G Armytage
9 0U3- ABERVANTER 1 (G,S) D Williams 10-10-0 R Dunwoody

4-5 Colonel Christy, 5-2 Deep South, 9-2 Castle Andrea.

4.30 COUTURE MARKETING SATIN SHEER HANDICAP HURDLE (Ladies: £1,861: 2m) (12)

4 133- OUR WHITE HART 124 (D,F,S) K Bailey 7-11-10 G Armytage
5 042- TAGIO 284 (D,F,G) M Tate 7-11-7 T Nicholls (4)
8 012- MISTER FEATHERS 124 (B,D,F,G) J King 6-11-2 S Lawrence
9 22-F PETER ANTHONY 21 (F,G,S) R Hickman 9-11-0 V Williams
10 FPP- SHADY LEGACY 159 (D,F,S) R Morris 6-10-13 L Wallace (7)
12 3-02 COLONEL POPSKI 4 (D,BF,F) Miss A King 5-10-10 L Vincent
14 0F20 PATCHOULI'S PET 21 (D,F) W Morris 4-10-7 C Moore (4)
16 -421 CHIEF RUNNER 17 (F) P Hooling 5-10-3 S French (4)
17 208- FLEET BAY 228 T Hallett 7-10-3 S Dunster (7)
19 /00- XYLOPHONE 201 D Marks 5-10-2 —
20 003- SPOT THE PATCH 1 (G) Mrs S Oliver 7-10-1 J Oliver (7)
21 004- CAMPUS BOY 122 (CD,F,S) R Juckes 6-10-0 P Ffitch-Heyes (4)

11-4 Chief Runner, 100-30 Colonel Popski, 9-2 Our White Hart, 13-2 Mister Feathers, 7-1 Peter Anthony, 8-1 Tagio.

5.0 KLAMPENBORG TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,340: 2m 6f) (7)

4 U-22 WEIGHT PROBLEM 28 (B,BF,F,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 10-11-10 M Dwyer
5 1-22 KING'S JUG 22 (G,S) A Turnell 9-11-7 Steve Knight
7 400- RIVER WARRIOR 152 (F,G,S) J Bradley 9-11-3 G Davies
8 0F-0 BRYMA 14 (S) B Palling 7-11-3 C Evans
10 0/31 PEA-COCK-ADE 21 (CD,F,S) K White 11-11-1 A O'Hagan
11 -333 TIERENEE 8 (C,F,S) T Bill 9-10-13 S Sherwood
12 11P/ CROWNING MOMENT 548 (F,G,S) P Cundell 12-10-10 K Mooney

5-2 Pea-Cock-Ade, 11-4 Weight Problem, 4-1 King's Jug, 8-1 Tierenee, Crowning Moment, 14-1 River Warrior, Bryma.

5.30 DAMSELS NOVICES HURDLE (fillies & mares: £685: 2m) (17)

1 1221 STAR ROUTE 21 (CD,F) Miss P Hall 6-11-12 R Dunwoody
2 40-1 TRACKERS JEWEL 5 (D,F) M Ryan 5-11-5 G McCourt
3 1 LADY WINDMILL 35 (D,G) B Stevens 4-11-3 S Moore
7 3 GAYE LE MOSS 35 (BF,F) Mrs M Rimell 5-10-12 D Browne
9 P/3- ITALIAN SPRING 359 D Jermy 6-10-12 G Old
13 MISS METAL-WOODS S Mellor 5-10-12 G Landau
14 4- MUM'S GIRL 126 B Smart 7-10-12 R Strange
15 PENWIDDIE N Tinkler 5-10-12 Miss G Armytage
22 024- EYE SIGHT 147 R Francis 4-10-10 S J O'Neill
25 KINGSWOOD GIRL R Frost 4-10-10 J Frost
26 0P- LADY KAYE MICHELLE 305 S Harris 4-10-10 C Mann
28 P-3 ON IMPULSE 22 R Simpson 4-10-10 D Gallagher (4)
29 PANIC T Casey 4-10-10 R J Beggan
30 00P- POPTHORN 274 J Bridger 4-10-10 —
31 2P SOLO PLAYER 35 M Robinson 4-10-10 V Kennedy (7)
33 TOLLY'S ALE D Carey 4-10-10 W Knox
34 WELSH PAGEANTRY J Francome 4-10-10 S Smith Eccles

9-4 Trackers Jewel, 9-2 Star Route, 11-2 Gaye Le Moss, On Impulse, 8-1 Lady Windmill, 12-1 Solo Player.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: S Mellor, 8 winners from 31 runners, 25.8%; Mrs G Jones, 7 from 30, 23.3%; F Walwyn, 12 from 56, 21.4%; M Pipe, 10 from 56, 17.9%; D Gandolfo, 10 from 80, 12.5%; Mrs M Rimell, 10 from 80, 12.5%.

JOCKEYS: S Sherwood, 10 winners from 34 rides, 29.4%; S Moore, 8 from 30, 26.7%; K Mooney, 9 from 56, 16.1%; S Smith Eccles, 13 from 81, 16.0%; G McCourt, 9 from 66, 13.6%; R Dunwoody, 12 from 90, 13.3%; C Smith, 8 from 72, 11.1%.

MARKET RASEN

Selections

By Mandarin

2.30 Lucky Mistake. 3.0 Bobby Burns. 3.30 Palace Yard. 4.0 Kumon Sunshine. 4.30 Tabareek. 5.0 Ross Fandango. 5.30 Powys Prince.

Going: good

2.30 WAINFLEET SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£670: 2m) (14 runners)

1 -404 ICEN 4 (D,G,S) J Norton 9-12-0 S Woods (7)
2 P004 FINALE SEPT 19 (CD,F,G,S) H Fleming 7-11-8 —
7 3-04 DRAW THE LINE 8 (D,F,G) S Richmond 6-10-9 P Corrigan
8 0-21 LUCKY MISTAKE 15 (D,F,G) R Hodges 10-10-9 (7ex) R Linley
9 000-2 TOMMY GUNNER 28 (F) H Fleming 7-10-7 R Fahey (7)
11 0134 FANDANGO KISS 28 (CD) T Kersey 4-10-6 Susan Kersey (7)
12 2-00 WILSARUTH 14 D Burchell 5-10-6 D J Burchell (7)
13 00-2 SMILING LAUREL 15 Mrs B Waring 8-10-5 J Robson (7)
15 23/P TARISTEAC 213 (B,D,F) S Bowring 7-10-5 D Shaw
16 0P-0 DONNYSNOOKERCENTRE 28 (B) R O'Leary 6-10-4 L Wyer
17 0P-0 KINBOSHI 7 P Bowlby 7-10-4 M Bowlby (4)
18 0-00 REGAL EXPRESS 15 (G) T Greathead 7-10-2 D Childs
19 004- MONTERASO 208 Mrs C Postlethwaite 5-10-2 C Hawkins
24 0 FYLDON 26 J Bennett 10-10-2 S Shilston

3-1 Smiling Laurel, 7-2 Lucky Mistake, 9-2 Draw The Line, 6-1 Tommy Gunner, 8-1 Finale Sept, 10-1 others.

3.0 IKE CAMPBELL NOVICES CHASE (£1,358: 2m 5f) (13)

1 00-1 BATTLEFIELD BAND 28 (C,F,G,S) J Blundell 10-12-0 —
2 10P4 NEWMARKET SAUSAGE 2 (C,F,G,S) T Kersey 8-12-0 —
3 4-21 STRATHLINE 10 (F) M Oliver 7-12-0 R Rowe
4 0/01 VULRORY'S CLOWN 12 (F) O Brennan 9-12-0 M Brennan
5 F13- BILLY'S BRIDGE 123 (F) J Jenkins 6-11-8 P Hobbs
6 432- BOBBY BURNS 158 (F) Mrs M Dickinson 6-11-8 C Grant
7 10/0 CONSCRIPTION 12 (F,G,S) J Leigh 7-11-8 —
9 -032 NAUTICAL JOKE 19 (S) W A Stephenson 8-11-8 R Lamb
12 P-42 MOYSPRUIT 12 M H Easterby 8-11-5 L Wyer
13 NOBLE BLADE 189 M Avison 8-11-5 —
16 0P-P SWIFT SHARK 7 R Casey 8-11-5 J Barlow
18 ZOTOV 520 S Muldoon 6-11-5 —
22 2-2U TRAILING ROSE 19 Mrs G Reveley 8-11-0 P Niven

7-2 Bobby Burns, 4-1 Billy's Bridge, 9-2 Battlefield Band, 5-1 Strathline, 7-1 Vulrory's Clown, 8-1 Moyspruit, 10-1 others.

3.30 EASBY ABBEY HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,724: 2m 4f) (10)

2 11F GREEN STEPS 164 (C,G,S) J Glover 5-12-4 S Johnson
3 010- STAY ON TRACKS 123 (F,G) W A Stephenson 5-11-13 R Lamb
5 140- MOONDAWN 150 (F,G) K Stone 6-11-4 L Wyer
6 232- BOREHAM DOWN 124 (S) N Bycroft 8-11-1 S Woods (7)
7 0/12- PALACE YARD 350 (F) J Jenkins 5-10-11 P Bridle (7)
9 FFP/ OATLANDS LAD 181 (F,S) J Blundell 7-10-8 —
10 0310 EASTERN PLAYER 15 (F,G) M Chapman 4-10-6 S Mitchell (7)
12 -0FP ROUNDGREY 29 J Leigh 6-10-1 —
13 4-22 SAND CASTLE 8 (BF,F) M Ryan 8-10-0 J McLaughlin
14 004- ALI PALI 122 (F) J Bennett 5-10-0 S Shilston

5-2 Palace Yard, 11-4 Sand Castle, 6-1 Eastern Player, 7-1 Green Steps, 10-1 Boreham Down, 12-1 others.

4.0 MARKET RASEN CHAMBER OF TRADE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,545: 3m) (4)

1 012- VILLIERSTOWN 124 (D,F,G,S) W A Stephenson 8-12-7 R Lamb (7)
3 F1-2 SAM DA VINCI 12 (BF,CD,F,G,S) J Blundell 8-11-7 —
4 P3-0 KUMON SUNSHINE 4 (B,CD,F,G,S) D Yeoman 10-10-1 C Hawkins
8 -043 RIVER SAINT 5 B Byford 11-10-0 T Woolley (7)

6-4 Sam Da Vinci, 15-8 Kumon Sunshine, 100-30 Villierstown, 10-1 River Saint.

4.30 BBC RADIO LINCOLNSHIRE JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,520: 2m) (14)

1 11 PRINCESS SEMELE 23 (D,F) M Pipe 11-0 P Scudamore
2 00 ORIOLE DANCER 7 D Thom 10-9 R Rowe
3 1 TABAREEK 7 (F) (D) F Dorr 10-7 S Woods (7)
4 P CRYSTAL BALL 18 M Avison 10-5 —
6 3 JONITE 26 J Booth 10-5 J Barlow
7 LOTTIE'S FURY W A Stephenson 10-5 —
10 PHILS PRIDE A Smith 10-5 J A Harris
11 330 PORT OF TIME 18 Denys Smith 10-5 C Grant
17 00 ULYSSES 26 J Booth 10-5 B Wright
22 0 BETTY BLUE 28 J Norton 10-0 D Fisher
23 0 HATSHEPSUT 18 A Smith 10-0 C Hawkins
24 JOHNS LAST (B) D Thom 10-0 M Brennan
26 0402 SOARING EAGLES 18 T Kersey 10-0 Susan Kersey (7)
28 0 WYCOMBE LADY 7 J Mackie 10-0 P Niven

11-8 Tabareek, 7-4 Princess Semele, 8-1 Jonite, Soaring Eagles, 12-1 Port Of Time, 14-1 Johns Last, 25-1 others.

5.0 SKEGBY HANDICAP CHASE (£1,818: 2m) (8)

1 132- J-J-HENRY 159 (CD,F,G,S) P Beaumont 8-12-3 Mrs A Farrell
3 100- SLIEVE FELIM 128 (D,F,S) W A Stephenson 7-11-0 R Lamb
4 PP0- AKRAM 161 (D,F,G,S) R Hodges 9-10-6 R Linley
5 2F-0 ROSS FANDANGO 8 (D,F,G,S) J Pearce 8-10-0 P Scudamore
6 0-10 DOVER 12 (F,G,S) H Fleming 7-10-0 K Burke (4)
7 0U0F OGDEN YORK 17 (C,F) J Jenkins 8-10-0 M Ahern
8 FP1- BRIGHT ARROW 483 (CD,F) B McMath 8-10-0 Mr S Cowell (7)
13 P4/F QUEENS PALACE 12 (D,S) D Burchell 9-10-0 D J Burchell (7)

11-4 J-J-Henry, 7-2 Ross Fandango, 4-1 Slieve Felim, 6-1 Akram, 8-1 Dover, 12-1 Ogden York, 16-1 others.

5.30 GRUNWICK STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£868: 2m) (17)

1 A LAD INSANE K Bailey 6-11-7 Mrs T Bailey
4 U- BORROWDALE 196 T Bill 5-11-7 C Kellett (7)
5 0/ CONNAUGHT CARD 567 M Ellerby 5-11-7 C Dennis
6 0 EBONY SWELL 8 J Leigh 6-11-7 —
9 PALS GALORE D McCain 5-11-7 —
10 RAMBA-JINGLE A Potts 6-11-7 —
14 0 FISH QUAY 26 M H Easterby 4-11-5 —
15 FOXY BOY J Blundell 4-11-5 —
17 GRAND VALUE W A Stephenson 4-11-5 —
20 JIMMY TWIST R Hodges 4-11-5 W Irvine (7)
21 2 POWYS PRINCE 213 J Glover 4-11-5 S Harris (7)
24 00/ BARRGEMMA 718 Mrs S Mollett 6-11-2 —
25 GEM'S DORA J Harris 5-11-2 Vicki Harris (7)
27 NORMANBY CROSSING J Dooler 5-11-2 S Turner (7)
28 0 BELL BEATER 8 J Scallan 4-11-0 Mr S Scallan (7)
30 0- ELMLEY GAYLE 155 J Eaton 4-11-0 —
31 KITTY BLAKE B Temple 4-11-0 —

5-4 Powys Prince, 4-1 Fish Quay, 11-2 Jimmy Twist, 7-1 Grand Value, 10-1 A Lad Insane, 12-1 Bell Beater.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: Mrs M Dickinson, 15 winners from 28 runners, 53.6%; M Pipe, 9 from 17, 52.9%; M H Easterby, 23 from 91, 25.3%; Denys Smith, 12 from 54, 22.2%; W A Stephenson, 19 from 134, 14.2%; J Blundell, 19 from 159, 11.9%.

JOCKEYS: C Grant, 18 winners from 100 rides, 18.0%; S Johnson, 19 from 157, 12.1%; M Brennan, 22 from 240, 9.2%. (Only qualifiers).

ASCOT

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.45 Dabaweyaa.	1.45 Dabaweyaa.
2.15 Diminuendo.	2.15 Diminuendo.
2.45 NORMAN INVADER (nap).	2.45 Lake Erie.
3.25 Miesque.	3.25 Sonic Lady.
4.00 Handsome Sailor.	4.00 PRINT (nap).
4.35 Sanquirico.	4.35 Sanquirico.

By Michael Seely

2.45 Trampship. 4.00 Print. 4.35 SANQUIRICO (nap).

Going: good **Draw: no advantage**

1.45 BLUE SEAL EBF STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £15,296: 6f) (7 runners) BBC 1

101 (4) 1 VIVE 16 (F) (J Brody) G Harwood 8-13 A Clark ● 99
103 (7) COURMAYEUR (R Sangster) B Hills 8-8 S Cauthen —
104 (2) DABAWEYAA (M Obaida) M Stoute 8-8 W R Swinburn —
105 (6) LADY CHATTERLEY (Sheikh Mohammed) I Balding 8-8 Pat Eddery —
106 (3) NEW TRENDS (J Magee) L Cumani 8-8 R Cochrane —
107 (5) SLEEPING BEAUTY (The Queen) I Balding 8-8 T Ives —
109 (1) VALIKA (Mrs D Clifton) J Winter 8-8 W Carson —

BETTING: 7-4 Dabaweyaa, 3-1 Vive, 9-2 Sleeping Beauty, 6-1 New Trends, 10-1 Lady Chatterley, 12-1 Courmayeur, 20-1 Valika.

1986: WHITE MISCHIEF 8-3 R Cochrane (14-1) L Cumani 10 ran

FORM VIVE (8-11) came with a steady run to land a Salisbury maiden by 2l from Ralwand (8-11) (7f, £2575, good to firm, Sept 10, 18 ran).

DABAWEYAA (foaled: May 10) By Shareef Dancer, is related to Oaks second Acclimatise, and the stable have introduced the top-class fillies Sonic Lady and Unite in this race over the last couple of years.

LADY CHATTERLY (foaled: Feb 27, cost: $550,000) is out of a mare whose ten victories include a Grade 1 Stakes event.

NEW TRENDS (foaled: Mar 1) is full-sister to very useful Lyphard's Special, and half-sister to other winners. Stable won this last year.

SLEEPING BEAUTY (foaled: Jan 22) is a full-sister to Reflection, and smart juvenile in 1983 when she won three times from 5-7f.

VALIKA (foaled: Mar 10) is a half-sister to stable's good miler Lanonov.

No Selection

2.15 HOOVER FILLIES MILE (Group II: 2-Y-O fillies: £52,354: 1m) (7 runners) BBC 1

201 (4) 111 DIMINUENDO 81 (F,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-13 S Cauthen ● 99
203 (5) 2421 OBEAH 29 (G) (R Sangster) B Hills 8-13 Pat Eddery 96
204 (2) 13 ASHAYER 17 (B,C,S) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-10 W Carson 93
205 (1) 11 HAIATI 21 (G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-10 W R Swinburn 88
208 (6) 0 PENNSYLVANIA 16 (P Mellon) I Balding 8-10 T Ives —
209 (3) 04 SUNDAY SPORT STAR 17 (Roldvale Ltd) P Kelleway 8-10 A Cruz 85
210 (7) 1211 WILLIAM'S BIRD 49 (F,G) (Lady Scott) D Elsworth 8-10 R Cochrane 92

BETTING: 11-8 Diminuendo, 5-2 Haiati, 7-2 Obeah, 8-1 Ashayer, 10-1 William's Bird, 20-1 others.

1986: INVITED GUEST 9-0 S Cauthen (8-11 fav) R Armstrong 12 ran

FORM DIMINUENDO (8-9) won by 1½l defeat from Magic Of Life (8-9), a subsequent winner since, at Newmarket (£25784, good to firm, Jly 7, 9 ran).

OBEAH (8-9) showed much improved form to land Waterford Candelabra Stakes at Goodwood by 2½l from Intimate Guest (8-9) with debutante SUNDAY SPORT STAR (8-9) 5l 5th (7f, £18442, good, Aug 28, 6 ran).

ASHAYER won on heavy ground here (6f), then (8-8) was a last finishing length 3rd to Intimate Guest (8-8) at Doncaster, 4l ahead of SUNDAY SPORT STAR (8-8) who was 4th (1m, £24570, good, Sept 9, 6 ran).

HAIATI (9-1) made all to beat Red Guitars (9-1) by ¾l at Kempton (7f, £3813, soft, Sept 5, 13 ran).

WILLIAM'S BIRD has improved with every outing, recently (8-11) running on strongly to beat Jungle Jezebel (8-11) ¾l at Newmarket (7f, £11745, good, Aug 8, 7 ran).

Selection: DIMINUENDO

2.45 TOTE FESTIVAL HANDICAP (£64,161: 1m 4f) (17 runners) BBC 1

301 (13) 211211 LAKE ERIE 10 (D,G,S) (R Sangster) M Stoute 4-9-13 (3ex) W R Swinburn 95
302 (11) 114012 MEDIA STARGUEST 15 (BF,F,G) (A Clore) L Cumani 3-8-12 (3ex) R Cochrane 83
303 (17) 1-00120 WISHLON 21 (D,F,G,S) (K Abdulla) R Smyth 4-9-8 S Whitworth 87
304 (9) 211124 WOLSEY 15 (BF,F,S) (Lady H de Walden) H Cecil 3-9-7 S Cauthen 87
305 (2) 1-10 LYPHENTO 129 (D,G,S) (J Venner) G Harwood 3-9-6 A Clark 83
306 (6) 113143 RUSSIAN ROVER 15 (D,F,S) (Sir G White) M Stoute 3-9-5 B Thomson 85
307 (3) 01-1130 KRIBENSIS 57 (BF,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 3-9-4 P Cook 88
308 (5) 021382 GUARDE ROYALE 14 (D,BF,S) (F Salman) H Candy 3-9-1 J Carter (5) 81
309 (7) 000-001 FIRST DIVISION 7 (D,F,G,S) (I S-Brown) G P-Gordon 4-8-13 (3ex) W Ryan 85
310 (4) D1-334 BOCATOWER 7 (S) (J Austin) G Harwood 3-8-12 M Hills 87
312 (16) 41-2043 QUEEN'S BRIDGE 28 (F) (P Mellon) I Balding 3-8-11 T Ives 88
313 (14) 423101 ROUSHAYD 14 (D,G,S) (Aga Khan) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-11 B Rouse 92
314 (10) 4211 TRAMPSHIP 17 (D,F,G) (K Abdulla) B Hills 3-8-7 (3x) Pat Eddery ● 99
315 (15) 0-31004 LANDSKI 26 (F,G) (B Munro-Wilson) P Cole 4-8-6 A McGlone 89
316 (1) 0-0102 NORMAN INVADER 16 (BF,F) (O Baring) L Cumani 3-8-4 W Carson 90
317 (8) 20-3201 WOODPECKER 82 (F) (Mrs H Jones) H Thomson Jones 3-8-3 R Hills 84
320 (12) 300040 ZAUBARR 42 (F) (A Speyer) H Beasley 4-7-7 C Rutter 80

BETTING: 9-2 Trampship, 5-1 Lake Erie, 8-1 Media Starguest, Lyphento, 10-1 Norman Invader, 12-1 Wishlon, First Division, Kribensis, Wolsey, 14-1 Russian Rover, Queen's Bridge, Roushayd, 20-1 others.

1986: ALMAARAD 3-8-9 Pat Eddery (7-4 fav) J Dunlop 10 ran

FORM LAKE ERIE has been steadily improving, and was a game Listed race winner last time (1m 3f), previously (9-10) had BOCATOWER (8-11) 2½l back in 3rd at Kempton (1m 4f, £8116, soft, Sept 5, 12 ran) with WISHLON (9-8) 2l back in 5th and FIRST DIVISION (8-10) 7th.

MEDIA STARGUEST (8-9) ½l 2nd of 6 to Water Boatman (8-9) in Listed race at Doncaster (1m 4f, £7570, good, Sept 11) with RUSSIAN ROVER (8-9) was 4l back in 3rd and below-par WOLSEY (8-9) a further 3l away 4th.

WOLSEY is better judged on 3l Goodwood 2nd (8-5) to Knockando (8-5) (1m 4f, £15425, good to firm, Jly 31, 9 ran).

KRIBENSIS, a below par 6th when favourite for the Extel at Goodwood last time (1m 2f), comes into the reckoning on his 3l 3rd (9-6) to Pipsted (8-0) at the Royal meeting here (1m 4f, £11311, soft, Jun 18, 20 ran) with WOODPECKER behind.

ROUSHAYD (9-1) showed plenty of courage in beating GUARDE ROYALE (8-11) 1½l at Goodwood (1m 4f, £3954, good to soft, Sept 12, 4 ran).

The rapidly improving TRAMPSHIP looks well handicapped on her neck victory (8-9) from Shining Water (8-9) in the Park Hill Stakes at Doncaster (1m 6f 127y, £29136, good, Sept 9, 5 ran).

NORMAN INVADER looked as though he would appreciate this trip when ½l 2nd (8-9) to Dawn Love (7-7) at Doncaster (1m 2f 50y, £5275, good, Sept 10, 14 ran).

Selection: TRAMPSHIP

3.25 QUEEN ELIZABETH II STAKES (Group I: £135,320: 1m) (5 runners) BBC 1

403 (3) 234-321 HOMO SAPIEN 15 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Niarchos) H Cecil 5-9-4 W Ryan 89
405 (5) 21132-0 VERDANT BOY 119 (D,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 4-9-4 R Cochrane 87
407 (1) 1110-31 SONIC LADY 88 (CD,F,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 4-9-1 W R Swinburn 96
409 (4) 111211 MIESQUE 20 (D,F,G,S) (S Niarchos) F Boutin (Fr) 3-8-8 S Cauthen ● 99
410 (2) 2-22101 MILLIGRAM 28 (CD,F,G,S) (Helena Springfield) M Stoute 3-8-8 Pat Eddery 96

BETTING: 2-5 Miesque, 7-2 Sonic Lady, 5-1 Milligram, 16-1 Homo Sapien, 100-1 Verdant Boy.

1986: SURE BLADE 3-8-11 B Thomson (6-5 fav) B Hills 7 ran

FORM HOMO SAPIEN (9-10) led inside the distance and beat Luzum (8-9) a comfortable 3l at Goodwood (1m, £7778, good, Sept 11, 7 ran).

VERDANT BOY not seen out since (10-0) being tailed off behind Adamstown (7-8) at Lingfield (7f 40y, h'cap, £8376, good to firm, May 30, 11 ran) and runs here as a pacemaker for the Stoute pair.

SONIC LADY (9-10) all out to beat Shaikiya (8-7) a head at Newmarket (1m, £28954, good to firm, Jly 8, 4 ran).

Showed better form on seasonal debut here (1m, £42912, good, June 16, 6 ran) at the Royal meeting when (9-5) 1½l 3rd to Then Again (9-5). She has 3 Group One wins to her name.

MIESQUE (8-8) quickened away in impressive style to beat Sower Star (8-11) 2½l at Longchamp (1m, £105418, good, Sept 6, 7 ran) recording her 6th Group One victory.

Earlier in the season MIESQUE (9-0) again showed a good turn of foot to beat MILLIGRAM (9-0) 1½l in the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket (1m, £83907, good to firm, Apr 30, 14 ran).

On latest start MILLIGRAM (8-7) stayed on in game style to beat Waajib (9-0) ½l at Goodwood (1m, £45837, good to firm, Aug 29, 4 ran) in a very fast time.

Selection: MIESQUE

4.0 TRUSTHOUSE FORTE DIADEM STAKES (Group III: £46,182: 6f) (17 runners) BBC 1

501 (5) 0-40200 EFISIO 16 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs M Landi) J Dunlop 5-9-8 B Thomson 96
502 (1) 1-01304 TREASURE KAY 17 (F,G,S) (G Yates) P Makin 4-9-8 W R Swinburn 90
503 (8) 020/00-0 CRAGSIDE 16 (D,F,G) (J Ross) G Moore 5-9-2 W Newnes —
504 (10) 0-13200 GOVERNOR GENERAL 21 (D,F,G,S) (R Richards) D Elsworth 4-9-2 W Carson 92
505 (5) 13-1220 HALLGATE 99 (CD,F,G,S) (T Ramsden) A Bailey 4-9-2 R Cochrane ● 99
506 (16) 313143 HANDSOME SAILOR 21 (D,F,G,S) (R Sangster) B Hills 4-9-2 M Hills 97
507 (4) 000044 POLYKRATIS 10 (C,D,F,G) (M Peraticos) M Francis 5-9-2 C Rutter 89
509 (17) 040302 SHARP ROMANCE 21 (D,G) (Sheikh M Al Sabah) S Mellor 5-9-2 M Wigham 93
510 (11) 0-14130 BIG SHUFFLE 55 (CD,S) (Moyglare Stud Farms) D Weld (Ire) 3-8-12 M Kinane 97
511 (12) 121404 DOWSING 16 (D,G,S) (K Abdulla) J Tree 3-8-12 Pat Eddery 94
513 (15) 4-14100 MISTER MAJESTIC 21 (D,F,G,S) (D Johnson) R Williams 3-8-12 T Ives 89
514 (9) 11-3201 PRINT 29 (D,G,S) (Lord Porchester) W Hastings-Bass 3-8-12 S Cauthen 98
515 (3) 0-00400 RICH CHARLIE 17 (V,D,F) (R Sangster) C Nelson 3-8-12 M Roberts 92
516 (14) 112040 SHARP REMINDER 37 (D,F,G) (R Jacobson) D Laing 3-8-12 P Cook 85
517 (7) 403031 SINGING STEVEN 58 (C,F,G,S) (Dr S Bennett) R Hannon 3-8-12 B Rouse 93
518 (2) 040010 WHIPPET 21 (D,F,G) (A Richards) C Brittain 3-8-12 A Cruz 78
519 (13) 011102 SERVE N'VOLLEY 6 (D,F,G) (C Cyzer) M Usher 3-8-9 P Barnard 84

BETTING: 4-1 Print, 6-1 Hallgate, Big Shuffle, 7-1 Sharp Romance, 8-1 Handsome Sailor, 10-1 Dowsing, Singing Steven, 12-1 Mister Majestic, Treasure Kay, Governor General, 16-1 others.

1986: HALLGATE 3-8-12 G Starkey (11-4 jt-fav) Miss S Hall 12 ran

FORM TREASURE KAY, 4th at Doncaster (10-0), a neck and a head in front of RICH CHARLIE (9-7), earlier (9-3) finished well to beat odds-on HALLGATE (9-3) a length at Sandown (5f, £26586, good, May 25, 9 ran) with SINGING STEVEN (8-8) was 2½l back 5th and POLYKRATIS (9-3) 8th.

SHARP ROMANCE (9-2) ran a good race to finish 2l 2nd of 8 to Ajdal (9-0) at Haydock (6f, £52948, good, Sept 5) with HANDSOME SAILOR (9-2) ¾l away 3rd. POLYKRATIS (9-2) was excellent ¾l 4th, GOVERNOR GENERAL (9-2) was another 4½l away 6th, WHIPPET (8-11) 7th and MISTER MAJESTIC (9-0) last.

BIG SHUFFLE has been below form since winning at the Royal meeting here (8-4), with HANDSOME SAILOR (9-0) 1½l 3rd and SHARP REMINDER (8-0) a further length away 5th (6f, £21195, soft, Jun 18, 11 ran).

PRINT should give a good account judged on Newbury (6f) 2nd to Interval and subsequent ¾l Newmarket win (8-8) from Kyverdale (8-5) (6f, £10470, good to soft, Aug 28, 10 ran) with DOWSING (8-8) in 8th.

SINGING STEVEN (8-13) ran his best race at Goodwood last time, getting home in a three-way photo (5f, £22184, good to firm, Jly 30, 9 ran) with TREASURE KAY beaten head and neck into 3rd, SHARP REMINDER (8-8) another 1½l into 4th and a hampered SHARP ROMANCE (9-0) a further ½l in 5th.

Selection: PRINT

4.35 ROYAL LODGE STAKES (Group II: 2-Y-O colts & geldings: £56,848: 1m) (10 runners)

601 (3) 1112 ALWAYS FAIR 15 (C,BF,G,S) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-13 W R Swinburn ● 99
602 (4) 1111 SANQUIRICO 36 (C,F,S) (C St George) H Cecil 8-13 S Cauthen 95
603 (1) 1111 UNDERCUT 58 (F) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 8-13 Pat Eddery 90
604 (8) 2 ALWUHUSH 70 (BF) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-10 R Cochrane 73
605 (7) 143012 BORDER GUARD 44 (F,G) (R Sangster) B Hills 8-10 M Hills 89
606 (2) 1 CINNAMON REEF 14 (S) (G Strawbridge) I Balding 8-10 T Ives 81
607 (5) 111 EMMSON 43 (F,G) (Sir M Sobell) W Hern 8-10 W Carson 94
608 (9) 0 FREEMANTLE 57 (Roldvale Ltd) P Kelleway 8-10 A Cruz —
609 (6) 02103 GALITZIN 36 (G) (C Elliot) C Brittain 8-10 B Thomson 84
611 (10) 213333 LAPIERRE 15 (C,S) (Mrs J Khan) C Brittain 8-10 M Roberts 87

BETTING: 15-8 Sanquirico, 7-2 Always Fair, 9-2 Undercut, 6-1 Emmson, 10-1 Alwuhush, 12-1 Cinnamon Reef, 20-1 Border Guard, 50-1 others.

1986: BENGAL FIRE 8-11 M Roberts (14-1) C Brittain 9 ran

FORM ALWAYS FAIR (9-0) found Warning (9-0) with too much pace for him at Doncaster (7f, £32670, good, Sept 11, 4 ran). He will appreciate the mile here, and should again take care of LAPIERRE, who was 6l back in 3rd (8-11) at Doncaster.

SANQUIRICO (8-10) beat LAPIERRE (8-13) 3½l into 3rd at Newmarket (6f), then made all (9-0) to land the odd laid on him at Sandown (7f, £17510, firm, Aug 21, 4 ran) with GALITZIN (8-11) 3½l away in 3rd.

UNDERCUT (9-0) had GALITZIN (8-11) 8½l back in 5th at Goodwood (7f, £14176, good to firm, Jly 30, 6 ran).

BORDER GUARD has something to find on the book judged on a length Salisbury 2nd (9-0) to Acajou (9-0) (7f, £5709, good, Aug 13, 8 ran).

EMMSON has won three times at Newbury, most recently (9-0) when LAPIERRE (9-2) was 5½l away 3rd (7f).

Previously (9-2), his experience told when he beat favourite ALWUHUSH (8-8) ¾l (7f, £5663, good, Jly 18, 7 ran).

CINNAMON REEF (9-0) was untroubled to win a newcomers race at Goodwood by 4l from Clifton Chapel (9-0) (7f, £4106, soft, Sept 12, 16 ran).

Selection: ALWAYS FAIR

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	40	147	27.2	Pat Eddery	43	269	16.0
M Stoute	42	177	23.7	S Cauthen	43	278	15.5
G Harwood	33	158	20.9	W Carson	42	272	15.4
L Cumani	14	66	21.2	W R Swinburn	31	202	15.3
J Tree	15	75	20.0	R Cochrane	12	100	12.0
H T Jones	12	77	15.6	B Thomson	10	84	11.9

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Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.00 Lake Onega.	2.00 Helawe.
2.30 Bold Sea Rover.	2.30 Janie-O.
3.00 Dashing Partner.	3.00 —
3.35 Pay Dirt.	3.35 —
4.10 Rag Queen.	4.10 Nero.
4.40 Shirlstar Buyacase.	4.40 —
5.10 Jamarj.	5.10 Glamgram's Best.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.10 RAG QUEEN.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good to firm **Draw: no advantage**

2.0 NORTHERN MACHINE TOOLS HANDICAP (£2,985: 5f) (23 runners)

1 (15) 000420 ALL IS FORGIVEN 16 (B,D,F,G) (Mrs I Norman) D Thom 7-10-0 B Crossley 95
3 (17) 221002 HELAWE 15 (B,D,F,G) (A Finn) J Winter 4-9-13 N Connorton 96
5 (21) 013404 TOBERMORY BOY 4 (C,D,F,G) (C Longbottom) R Whitaker 10-9-12 K Bradshaw (5) 92
6 (18) 110000 SULLY'S CHOICE 8 (C,D,F,G,S) (W Chapman) D Chapman 6-9-7 J Carroll (5) ● 99
7 (5) 440302 THE DEVIL'S MUSIC 9 (F) (D Faulkner) N Bycroft 3-9-6 M Birch 94
11 (20) 00-0100 YOUNG SNUGFIT 22 (D,F) (A Greenwood) M W Easterby 3-9-0 T Lucas 92
12 (8) 300040 IBERIAN START 5 (B,CD,F) (Mrs J Hazell) T Barron 4-8-13 D Nicholls 97
13 (13) 013000 SLEEPERS 9 (D,G) (D Harding) C Booth 3-8-13 K Hodgson 92
14 (11) 000200 LUCEDEO 5 (CD,F) (J Good) R Hollinshead 3-8-12 S Perks 90
16 (4) 400030 MENDICK ADVENTURE 8 (D,F) (D Pike) Denys Smith 8-8-11 P Burke (7) 89
17 (9) 102010 LAKE ONEGA 10 (D,F,S) (Full Circle Thoroughbreds) N Tinkler 4-8-10 Kim Tinkler 94
18 (3) 200100 LIME BROOK 25 (V,G) (A Fletcher) B Morgan 3-8-8 J Williams 92
19 (16) 100004 CAPTAIN'S BIDD 3 (D,F,G) (R Whiting) H Whiting 7-8-5 P Hill (5) 90
20 (10) 003003 RECOLLECT 25 (Forme Packaging) J Payne 5-8-2 G Bardwell (5) 94
21 (19) 0-00004 IMPERIAL SUNRISE 45 (B,F) (A Dickman) M W Easterby 4-8-2 L Charnock 93
23 (1) 100030 BELLA SEVILLE 25 (D,S) (H Duddin) T Barron 3-8-0 G Carter 93
25 (14) 200004 BUNNYLOCH 2 (P Grenfell Heap) J Etherington 3-7-11 J Lowe 93
27 (6) 000000 METROMAN 12 (D,F) (M Brittain) M Brittain 3-7-10 A Munro (7) —
29 (7) 002063 KAREN'S STAR 5 (CD,F,G,S) (J Chapman) D Chapman 10-7-7 S Wood (7) 94
30 (2) 000400 RUSSIAN WINTER 10 (B,D,F,G,S) (Calmec (Tool & Eng Ltd) H Wharton 4-7-7 M Fry 77
31 (22) 000030 HOBOURNES KATIE 5 (G Farndon Eng Co Ltd) H Wharton 4-7-7 Dana Mellor (7) 90
32 (23) 0-00040 GUTSY 101 (Mrs A Jones) H Jones 4-7-7 A Culhane (5) 79
33 (12) 202400 TRADESMAN 5 (B,D,F,S) (Mrs M Rutherford) J Haldane 7-7-7 — 84

BETTING: 5-1 Helawe, 6-1 The Devil's Music, 7-1 Sully's Choice, 8-1 Lake Onega, Iberian Start, 10-1 Recollect, Imperial Sunrise, 12-1 Karen's Star, Bella Seville, Tobermory Boy, 14-1 others.

1986: MUSIC REVIEW 3-8-7 A Mackay (10-1) M Tompkins 17 ran

2.30 RED MOUNTAIN COFFEE CUP HANDICAP (Amateurs: £3,380: 7f) (24 runners)

1 (18) 000013 BOLD SEA ROVER 7 (C,D,F,G) (Lt Col R Warden) M H Easterby 4-11-9 T Easterby 93
3 (24) 340203 KNIGHTS SECRET 21 (D,F,G,S) M H Easterby 6-11-1 Leila Easterby (5) 96
4 (6) 000020 REINDEER WALK 17 (D,F,G) (A Akdhal) G Huffer 5-10-12 T Thomson Jones 96
7 (13) 0-30000 PREJUDICE 11 (Mrs A Sigsworth) T Barron 4-10-8 Alex Greaves (5) 92
9 (17) 030000 HAY STREET 14 (F,G) (Mrs J Curson) R Champion 6-10-6 G Curson (5) 98
13 (15) 0404 SEALED BID 46 (Sir M Sobell) L Piggott 3-10-6 Jennie Goulding 93
14 (8) 14-0000 DUNLIN 44 (F,G) (C Buddeke) S Norton 3-10-5 Carolyn Eddery 92
20 (22) 130221 JANIE-O 63 (V,G,S) (Mrs J McFadden) M Ryan 4-10-3 J Ryan 96
23 (5) 100000 THE GREAT MATCH 46 (C,F) (N McAndrews) R Whitaker 3-10-1 T Etherington (5) ● 99
24 (12) 000000/ CAMBRIDGE LODGE 898 (G) (P Bottomley) K Stone 6-10-0 Maureen Howe (5) —
26 (2) 001000 ICHI BAN SON 7 (F) (B Kilpatrick) A Smith 3-9-10 Celia Radband (5) 98
27 (19) 004040 MR PASTRY 25 (C Fleer) E Alston 4-9-10 Sue Alston (5) 97
30 (8) 004000 DANCING TOM 7 (V,C,S) (T Fairhurst) T Fairhurst 4-9-6 Judy Fairhurst (5) 94
31 (7) 000000 SHALCHLO BOY 11 (T Civil) W Wharton 3-9-5 — 92
33 (23) 223100 AFRICAN SAFARI 25 (D,F) (Lord Carnick) P Cundell 3-9-5 Tracey Bailey (5) 98
34 (11) 030040 SUPREME OPTIMIST 35 (B) (A White) R Peacock 3-9-5 Carmen Peacock (5) 94
35 (9) 030000 BARGAIN PACK 10 (C,F,G) (J Taylor) Mrs G Reveley 4-9-4 T Carr (5) 95
38 (10) 000300 MANABEL 7 (F) (A Ripley) S Bowring 5-9-0 — 91
39 (1) 000019 BOLD ROWLEY 29 (CD,F,G) (D Landa) J Wilson 7-9-0 Linda Perratt (5) 97
40 (14) 313234 VIA VITAE 14 (S) (Mrs A Mutch) R Hollinshead 5-9-0 Geraldine Rees 93
41 (18) 00-3 JAY-BEE WINDOWS 64 (R Burke) J McNaughton 4-9-0 Sharon Murgatroyd (5) —
43 (21) 00000/0 MISTER PETARD 12 (G Kelly) G Kelly 5-9-0 — —
44 (4) 400000 LAST SECRET 45 (F) (W Chapman) D Chapman 6-9-0 Sarah Hills (5) 82
45 (20) 00-0000 GALAXY GALA 5 (R Cox) Mrs S Redfern 4-9-0 — —

BETTING: 2-1 Janie-O, 100-30 Via Vitae, 5-1 Knights Secret, 7-1 Bold Sea Rover, 9-1 African Safari, 10-1 Sealed Bid, 12-1 Reindeer Walk, 14-1 others.

1986: HERRADURA 5-10-12 Maxine Juster (6-1) M Prescott 12 ran

3.0 JOHN LIVINGSTON NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,834: 6f) (13 runners)

1 (2) 31020 CLASSY TURN 42 (D,F) (G Pemberton) R Whitaker 9-7 K Bradshaw (5) 88
5 (4) 31000 DASHING PARTNER 26 (D,G) (J Albritton) J W Watts 8-8 N Connorton 82
6 (12) 0001 CALAHONDA BAY 60 (D,G) (D Faulkner) N Bycroft 8-7 D Nicholls 84
8 (8) 002220 LONO TIKI 21 (W Marshall) G Moore 8-4 — 90
10 (13) 320000 SNAKE EYE 12 (D,G) (Mrs A Ferguson) W Wharton 8-4 J Carroll (5) 88
12 (6) 021 TAMARINDO 20 (S) (M Wickham-Boynton) M H Easterby 8-0 J Lowe 85
13 (1) 433404 ASHLAR BOY 21 (S Raakes) R Hollinshead 7-13 A Culhane (5) 80
16 (5) 444111 MERE MELODY 7 (D,G,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 7-10 (7ex) G Bardwell (5) ● 99
18 (11) 0400 RUTTI 11 (Stuncroft Ltd) R Casey 7-7 G Carter 81
19 (9) 0032 DIVA GIRL 8 (J Hanson) J Hanson 7-7 R Fox 89
24 (10) 000003 WAVERLEY STAR 12 (S Pedersen) J Wainwright 7-7 L Charnock 81
29 (3) 211200 INSTATE 5 (D,G,S) (J Lloyd) J Berry 7-7 Dana Mellor (7) 80
32 (7) 000 AMBER LOCH 45 (Miss J Cook) M Ellerby 7-7 J Quinn (5) 63

BETTING: 9-4 Mere Melody, 7-2 Tamarindo, 6-1 Classy Turn, 8-1 Calahonda Bay, 10-1 Snake Eye, 11-1 Ashlar Boy, 12-1 Instate, 14-1 Waverley Star, Diva Girl, 16-1 others.

1986: SPANISH SLIPPER 8-8 J H Brown (7-2 jt-fav) W Haigh 7 ran

3.35 REYNARD SELLING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £978: 1m 2f) (13 runners)

2 (12) 000122 JOHNNY SHARP 12 (F) (P Wetzel) S Norton 9-7 J Lowe 93
7 (7) 104004 FIESTA MOON 12 (G) (Full Circle Thoroughbreds C Plc) N Tinkler 9-5 Kim Tinkler 95
13 (6) 00-0030 ENTIRE 7 (B Haggas) M Prescott 9-0 G Duffield 88
16 (9) 000-600 EUROCON 11 (W Swiers) D Chapman 8-11 K Darley 98
19 (13) 40-0000 MAIN BRAND 51 (B,F) (Mrs J Curson) R Champion 8-8 R Fox 87
21 (4) 0-00400 MALACANANG 93 (Miss J Camacho) M Camacho 8-7 N Connorton 93
23 (2) 001000 JUST A DECOY 31 (D,F) (T Butcher) N Bycroft 8-6 — 97
24 (3) 042200 PAY DIRT 18 (V) (C Barber-Lomax) T Fairhurst 8-6 R Street 97
27 (8) 000040 BOLD AD 7 (D Drury) W Bentley 8-1 R Lappin (5) 97
28 (1) 00-600 POWER OF LOVE 52 (C Booth) C Booth 8-0 L Charnock —
29 (10) 000000 FIR TRADING 7 (Fir Trading Ltd) J Wainwright 8-0 — 90
30 (5) 023000 VICTORIA STAR 33 (W Young) Mrs G Reveley 7-13 S Wood (7) ● 99
31 (11) 0-400U MINI ROSE 7 (V) (R Nicholson) D Moffatt 7-13 J H Brown (5) 90

BETTING: 9-4 Johnny Sharp, 100-30 Eurocon, 5-1 Fiesta Moon, 9-1 Malacanang, Just A Decoy, 10-1 Bold Ad, 12-1 Entire, 14-1 Pay Dirt, 16-1 others.

1986: LADY ATTIVA 3-8-11 C Dwyer (5-6 fav) P Rohan 8 ran

4.10 TRANSMORE VAN HIRE STAKES (£2,014: 1m 2f) (6 runners)

2 (5) 030310 MURPHY 35 (G) (Mrs S Brook) R Whitaker 3-9-8 D McKeown 75
4 (1) 202132 OPERATIC SCORE 10 (D,F) (F Salman) P Cole 3-9-6 G Baxter 93
5 (4) 100220 NERO 56 (S) (C Davies) L Piggott 3-8-13 T Lucas 92
6 (2) 0-0131 RAG QUEEN 5 (D,F,G) (R Sangster) B Hills 3-8-11 D Leas (7) ● 99
7 (3) 0-00400 ARDASHIR 12 (J Ross) G Moore 3-8-10 C Coates (5) 81
10 (6) 0-04 PALAIS DE DANSE 109 (The Queen) W Hastings-Bass 3-8-10 G Duffield 66

BETTING: 6-4 Rag Queen, 4-1 Nero, 5-1 Operatic Score, 7-1 Murphy, 8-1 Palais De Danse, 10-1 Ardashir.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

4.40 WIN WITH THE TOTE MAIDEN STAKES (£1,081: 1m) (16 runnners)

1 (6) 040003 BRITWYDD 12 (Miss T Reid) C Booth 4-9-3 K Hodgson 91
2 (8) 000004 HEAD OF SCHOOL 9 (B) (R Ashdown) P Mitchell 4-9-3 J Quinn (5) 96
3 (12) 02/0 ICE BREAKER 12 (F Williams) J Haldane 4-9-3 D McKeown —
4 (5) 00/0200 WHAT A MOSS 12 (R Rodgers) D McCain 5-9-3 L Riggio (7) 82
5 (3) 00 PARISIAN GIRL 26 (M O'Brien) E Alston 4-9-0 G Athanasiou (7) —
6 (2) 004000 ASTLEY MOSS 12 (B) (P Talott) A Brown 3-8-10 M Birch —
7 (1) 000000 FALLING FOSS 59 (Mrs D Schreiber) W Haigh 3-8-10 W Goodwin 80
9 (14) 0 GOTTACHANCE 7 (W J & R M Gott Ltd) Miss M Bell 3-8-10 A Proud —
10 (13) 000-000 INTROVERT 30 (B) (Miss G Purkiss) A Smith 3-8-10 S Webster —
12 (11) 000 RUDDA CASS 11 (J Slatcher) Mrs G Reveley 3-8-10 S Quane (7) 80
13 (10) 02 SHIRLSTAR BUYACASE 9 (BF) (Sir B Slade) P Cole 3-8-10 G Baxter ● 99
18 (7) 032444 LUCY'S MELODY 12 (B) (Mrs L Hunt) W Pearce 3-8-7 G Duffield 85
19 (9) 0- MEG'S MONEY 541 (R Harman) D Leslie 3-8-7 N Carlisle —
21 (16) 004000 SCENIC VILLA 12 (SPS Ltd) M Brittain 3-8-7 J Lowe 98
22 (4) 033000 SYSTEMS GO 18 (A Spalding) Mrs S Redfern 3-8-7 J Carroll (5) 98
24 (15) 0 WHATAHALMEFUL 12 (Mrs V Maclean) W Haigh 3-8-7 N Connorton —

BETTING: 15-8 Shirlstar Buyacase, 9-2 Britwydd, 9-1 Lucy's Melody, Gottachance, 10-1 What A Moss, 12-1 Scenic Villa, 14-1 others.

1986: BROADHURST 3-8-7 A Murray (6-4 fav) J Etherington 7 ran

5.10 BOULAND CORPORATION AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,392: 5f) (11 runners)

1 (2) 214144 GLAMGRAM'S BEST 26 (F,G) (Miss E Tully) R Boss 9-3 N Connorton 93
4 (6) 31410 PRIESTGATE 23 (CD,F) (R Speechley) W Wharton 8-13 J Carroll (5) 90
5 (7) 000 WESTFIELD MOVER 116 (J Marshall) J Etherington 8-13 K Darley 51
11 (5) 000000 BANANA NOSE 7 (B) (E St George) M W Easterby 8-9 G Duffield —
18 (11) 00 NORTH OF WATFORD 35 (R Aylward) Capt J Wilson 8-7 B Crossley 63
23 (1) 01111 JAMARJ 14 (D,F,G,S) (I Armitage) M H Easterby 8-6 M Birch ● 99
24 (4) 030404 FLOATING NOTE 5 (Fir Trading Ltd) J Wainwright 8-6 L Charnock 89
28 (8) 040 SUM MUSIC 7 (Fir Trading Ltd) J Wainwright 8-5 — 66
29 (10) TRIPLE TOP (B Roberts) M W Easterby 8-5 M Hindley —
30 (9) 00 CRIMPSALL 25 (BF) (Hippodromo Racing) M W Easterby 8-4 T Lucas —
34 (3) 00 CLARE'S DELIGHT 12 (A Milward) B Morgan 8-1 J Williams —

BETTING: 5-4 Jamarj, 3-1 Priestgate, Glamgram's Best, 14-1 Floating Note, 16-1 Sum Music, North Of Watford, 20-1 Westfield Mover, 25-1 others.

1986: LUCEDEO 8-11 S Perks (20-1) R Hollinshead 11 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
G Huffer	12	37	32.4	G Duffield	37	247	15.0
M Prescott	17	79	21.5				
J W Watts	20	151	13.2				
T Fairhurst	23	197	11.7				
Denys Smith	16	177	9.0				
R Hollinshead	17	197	8.6				

Only qualifier

Lazy Valentine leaves it late

Valentine, from Henry Cecil's all-conquering Newmarket yard, justified 11-4 favouritism with a short head victory over Loch Fleet in the Newby Nursery at Redcar yesterday. Bred by his owner, Lord Howard de Walden, Valentine's only other outing this season was when he won over the course in June.

Billy Aldridge, representing Cecil, said: "Valentine has been off the racecourse for a while because of an abscess on his foot. He is a lazy colt, but always like to win with a late run."

Cecil and Willie Ryan were also on the mark in the Parson and Crosland Stakes when Albyn Lady romped home to a five lengths success.

Newmarket trainer Alan Bailey has had 32 individual runners this season and 30 winners. His latest victory came in the first division of the Scarborough Selling Stakes when 6-1 chance Glen Fintaig scored by 1½ lengths from Eva Fara.

"Glen Fintaig is a weak horse, but developing all the time," said a spokesman for Bailey. The winner, who led aprpoaching the final furlong for Peter Bloomfield, failed to attract a bid at the auction.

At Worcester, the accomplished conditional jockey Bruce Dowling put a run of bad luck behind him with a 15-length win on The Welder in the Upton Snodsbury Handicap Chase.

Dowling, 22, was fined £150 after taking the wrong course on The Welder at Bangor last Saturday and on Thursday at Uttoxeter he looked home and dried on Miss Nero when his mount fell at the last.

Dowling had The Welder in the first three throughout as first Oyster Pond and then Knockbrack made the running. He sent the nine-year-old into the lead after clearing the second last.

RUGBY UNION

Loyal Macklin can leave Scotland on a victorious note

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The last time Scotland took the field against France it was in the World Cup on New Zealand soil, in May, and they drew 20-20; today, at Gala's Netherdale ground, only seven players — four Frenchmen and three Scots — remain from that day as France's four-match tour of Scotland comes to an end, but that may be no bad thing.

The fates, injuries, unavailability, what you will, have conspired to remove a host of leading players from contention, but many will be back when the five nations championship comes round. In the meantime, the selectors of both countries have an excellent opportunity, in an international for which no caps are awarded, to examine their back-up material.

The Scots lost Keith Robertson, the centre, yesterday after he strained a muscle in training. Ewan Kennedy, originally selected at full back, returns to his more accustomed place in the threequarter line, while Ian Ramsey, of Melrose, wears the No. 15 jersey.

The Scots have not done the obvious in choosing Macklin, who, in a fortnight, will be leaving the country for three years, at No. 8. In this case, however, they could be excused a sentimental gesture towards a player who has given them good service.

Macklin was part of the Anglo-Scots XV that performed so well at Cupar last weekend, inflicting the only defeat the French have suffered. Exeter, the Moseley centre, replaces the injured Tait and Marshall (Wakefield) steps up for White. But it is half back and tight forward, I imagine, that Robin Charters and his fellow-selectors will be watching most closely, knowing that age is not on the side of that long-serving duo, Rutherford and Laidlaw, and that Scotland are desperately short of locks.

If Gray, the Nottingham dentist, and Cronin, the Bath restaurateur, continue to make the impression they did at Cupar they could go forward to a Scottish trial in the new year together. They have to perform well against the 41-times capped Condom and the young Béziers tearaway, Carminati, who is more used to the back row, where he was capped against New Zealand last year.

Scots in general will also watch Callander's display as hooker and captain; it is one of those nice coincidences that he and Deans should have vied for both positions, just as Dubroca and Dintrans have for France. Little should be made of Dubroca's demotion today; I have little doubt that the Agen man will be back in the new year.

SCOTLAND XV: I Ramsey (Melrose); M D F Duncan (West of Scotland), T G Exeter (Moseley), A E Kennedy (Watsonians), I Tukalo (Selkirk); R Cramb (Harlequins), G H Oliver (Hawick); D M B Sole (Edinburgh Academicals), G J Callander (Kelso, capt), N A Rowan (Boroughmuir), G R Marshall (Wakefield), C A Gray (Nottingham), D Cronin (Bath), D J Turnbull (Hawick), A J Macklin (London Scottish).

FRANCE XV: J Bianchi (Toulon); J-B Lafond (Racing Club), M Andrieu (Nimes), A Gely (Grenoble), P Peytavin (Bayonne); F Mesnel (Racing Club), P Berbizier (Agen); L Armary (Lourdes), P Dintrans (Tarbes, capt), J-P Garuet (Lourdes), J Gratton (Agen), A Carminati (Béziers), J Condom (Biarritz), K Janik (Toulouse), H Chaffardon (Grenoble)

Referee: B Anderson (Scotland).

Callander keen to seize his moment

By Chris Thau

"Patience is a good virtue," Scotland's new hooker, Gary Callander, says. He will lead the side against a French XV at Galashiels today. His patience, tested during 26 games spent on the Scottish bench — 22 of them full internationals — was rewarded when he inherited the berth made vacant by Colin Deans's literary ventures.

He has been groomed for the captaincy since last year, when he took Scotland on a short but useful tour of Spain and France. Callander has been capped once, in 1984, a game of unhappy memories for the Scots when, as grand slam champions, they found themselves at the wrong end of the scoreline, in torrid heat, against Romania in Bucharest.

After that he played in one B international and stood by for Deans. Not that he was a lesser player. Many pundits in the Borders reckon that the Kelso hooker was arguably the better of the two. But Callander would prefer to dwell on his future at the helm of the Scottish team, rather than be drawn on his past as the eternal deputy.

"The onus is on me now," he said. "I've had it the hard way but I have to admit that I love the challenge. It is responsibility which makes me thrive. In every walk of life you are accountable for your decisions and actions — and that's the briefest job description I know for captaincy."

Callander took the new-look Scottish squad to a light training session in Melrose yesterday and despite the number of new faces in the team he believes that the harmony, which often gives the Scots the feel of a club side, has been maintained.

"This game offers the young players a good chance to stake their claim to a full Scottish jersey. I accept that several players have been forced out with injury. However those who made themselves unavailable for other reasons than that are taking a big gamble. I don't want to make big statements because history has a habit of making a fool of you. However, it is victory I am after and I want to succeed."

Irish face testing Cup task

Four second division clubs, **Bedford, Blackheath, London Irish** and **London Scottish**, will compete with their supposed inferiors in the first round of the John Player Special Cup today, the hardest task probably falling to the Irish, who play ambitious **Askeans** (David Hands writes).

The Irish do so without McCall, their injured international lock, and McCulla, their first-choice scrum half. They do have MacNeill, the Ireland full back, and the leadership of Gibson, who has realistic claims to the No. 8 spot in the national side this season.

The common link between the clubs is Stewart McKinney, the former Ireland and British Lions flanker, who played for and coached the Irish and now helps coach Askeans. He hopes to return to Dungannon in three months but in the meantime will judge whether his mobile side, assisted by several New Zealanders and the former England centre, Bond, can upset the Irish.

London Scottish have a link with **Sudbury**, their opponents, in that they play Glen, the former England colt, at scrum half. Glen was capped from Sudbury, whose aspirations may come to a halt at the Richmond Athletic ground: Scottish lack only Macklin and Beazley of their regular side and have been lifted by the acquisition of Richardson, the Scotland B No. 8, from Edinburgh Academicals, whose brother, Jeremy, was in Scotland's World Cup squad.

Coming to terms with the system

By David Hands

If we adopt football parlance and talk of **Nottingham** as first division leaders going into today's round of Courage Clubs Championship matches, it may be as well to remember that Bedford, last weekend, beat the leaders. Thereby hangs a query: how will we judge success in this first season of English league encounters?

If a club loses half its season's fixtures but wins the league championship, is that success? The leading clubs are likely to become more selective when it comes to distinguishing league matches from "friendlies" and will rest their better players at the least excuse; thus we will have results like last weekend when Nottingham relaxed after two weekends of league matches and lost, when Leicester, after rousing themselves the previous weekend in the league against Bath, played London Welsh and lost.

This is not to denigrate the efforts of Bedford and the Welsh but it is a fact of life that the league matches will attract the lion's share of attention.

Whatever the results today, no-one can remove Nottingham from the top of the first division. The Midlands club, who have confirmed their tour to Australia and the Far East next July, have two wins behind them and even if they receive only one point against **Orrell** today (bear in mind it is four points for a league win, two for a draw and one for playing the fixture) they will remain ahead of the pack which incorporates Bath, Gloucester and Leicester.

London enters the first-division lists with **Harlequins** entertaining **Leicester** (the league comes to Twickenham — a nice little irony) while centenarians **Bristol** play their first league match against **Gloucester**.

Yorkshire depleted

Yorkshire are without several England internationals, most notably the wings, Underwood and Harrison, the England captain, for today's match at Morley with Ulster, the 49th meeting between the two sides (George Ace writes).

Ulster are without Irwin, their captain, and Matthews and Carr, their Ireland wing forwards, but the province can still call on eight players with international experience and 10 of the team that were on the recent tour of Zimbabwe.

YORKSHIRE: M Gray (Otley); J Eagle (Harlequins), J Buckton (Saracens), J Bentley (Sale), M Joyce (Bradford and Bingley), R Andrew (Wasps, capt), D Holmes (Sheffield); M Whitcombe (Sale), P Sellar (Headingley), T Rice (Hull and East Riding), R Selkirk (Rotherham), G Thompson (Roundhay), A Fraser (Headingley), J Ellison (Wasps), S Fawcett (Harrogate).

ULSTER: P Rainey (Ballymena); T Ringland (Ballymena), J Hewitt (London Irish), I Moles (Ards), K Crossan (Instonians); P Russell (Instonians), R Brady (Ballymena); B McKibbin (Instonians), J McDonald (Malone), J McCoy (Bangor), W Duncan (Malone), W Anderson (Dungannon, capt), J Rogers (Bangor), D Whittle (Bangor), D Morrow (Bangor).

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Bristol v Gloucester

Bristol, with six players injured or away, restore Tainton at stand-off half and play Wyles and Morgan in a reshaped threequarter line. Gloucester expect Marment, their full back and leading points scorer, to play but Etheridge comes into the second row.

Coventry v Sale

Coventry, with Millerchip unavailable, move Jones to centre and play Graham on the wing against a side sufficiently annoyed by Yorkshire's selection of Whitcombe and Bentley to write in protest. Simon and Callery will be Sale's props and Jee plays in the centre.

Harlequins v Leicester

Harlequins have Olver, their captain and hooker, back and Skinner fit on the flank but Leicester, having picked Richards at No. 8, must do without him: the England player believes he is not yet match fit. So Povoas plays and Cusworth and Hare return.

Nottingham v Orrell

With Gray away playing for Scotland, Nottingham play Hindmarch at lock and move Key to full back for the injured Byrom. Cusani, capped by England last season, returns at lock for Orrell.

Rosslyn Park v L Welsh

The Park play Freeman at centre after losing Anderson with a dislocated shoulder and Hill takes the place at flanker of the injured Mantel. The Welsh, full of optimism, have Pill back on the wing.

Moseley v Northampton

Frank Packman, Northampton's leading try-scorer last season, returns on the wing while Lynn and Dyte play stand-off half and No. 8 respectively. Moseley retain Allen at centre and play Boyle at full back.

Pontypool v Bridgend

Pontypool play Lewis at scrum half and Moseley returns at lock after injury. Bridgend, also unbeaten, have Bevan at hooker and Bryant at flanker.

Llanelli v Bath

Llanelli lose an entire front row with Buchanan suspended, Delaney injured and Fox, the hooker, getting married but Bath have injury problems, too. Haag, the young Cornishman, has his first game at lock for them and Janes will play at centre.

Newport v Swansea

Newport are unchanged from the side that played well against Neath but Swansea rest the internationals, Robert Jones and Wyatt, bringing in Alan Williams and Stewart at scrum half and full back respectively. Both the Moriarty brothers play.

Headingley v Wasps

Both sides lose players to Yorkshire: Milnes (hooker) and Taylor (lock) appear in Headingley's pack while Wasps play Lozowski at stand-off and Rose at No. 8 for Andrew and Ellison. Smith returns on one wing and Pilgrim will play on the other.

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Finals time in Australia

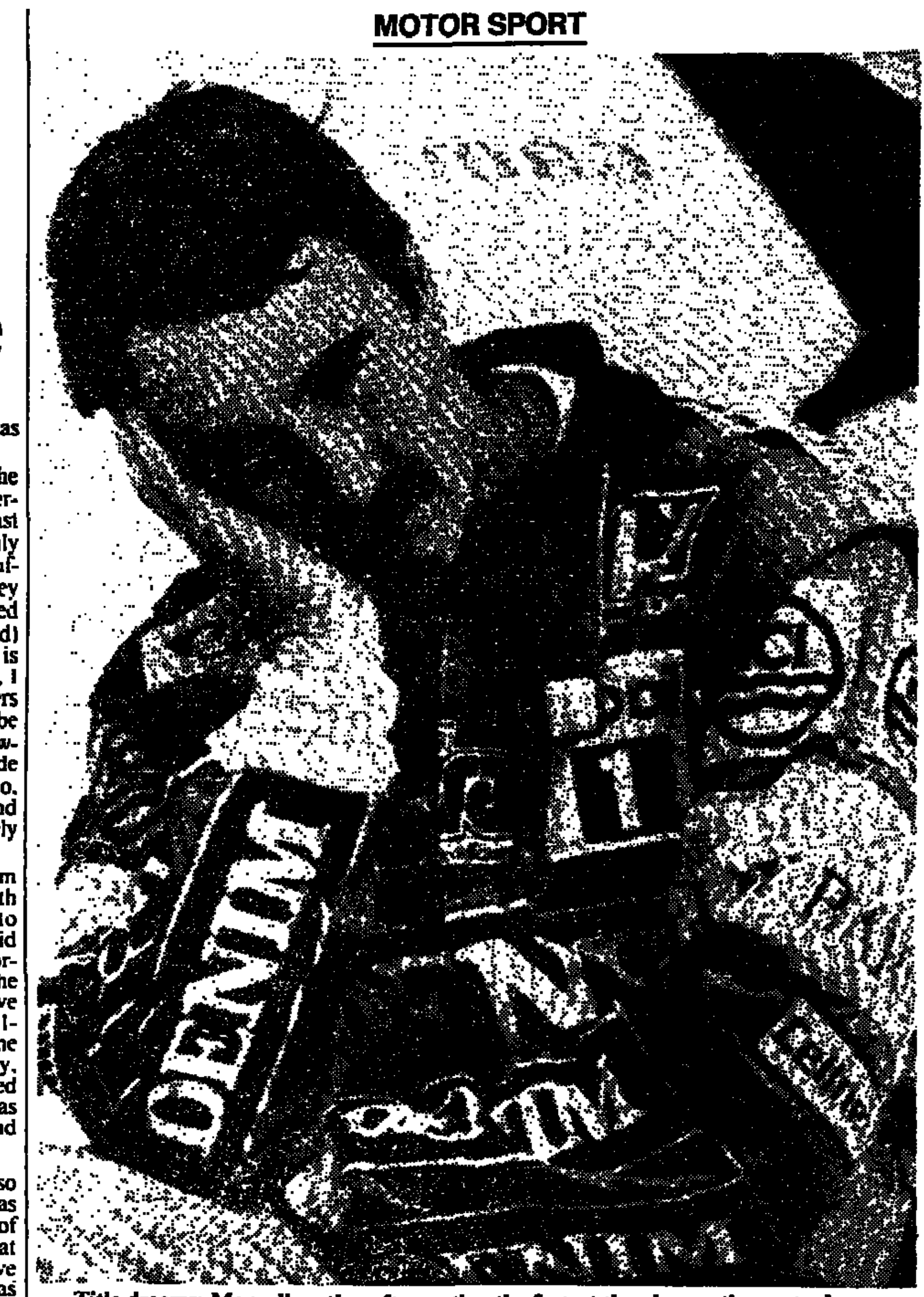
Sydney (AFP) — Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, and Pat Cash, the Wimbledon champion, will play leading roles on a busy weekend for Australian sport.

In Sydney and Melbourne, the rival codes of Rugby League and Australian Rules football reach their annual climax with the grand finals of their club competitions.

Mr Hawke, who enjoys his reputation as the nation's No. 1 sports supporter, will attend both. Today he will join more than 100,000 spectators at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, where Cash will toss the coin for the start of the Carlton v Hawthorn Australian Rules grand final. Tomorrow Mr Hawke will be at the Sydney Cricket Ground for the Rugby League final between Canberra Raiders and the Sydney club, Manly.

In Melbourne, the Victorian Football League grand final has even interrupted Australia's Davis Cup preparations for the semi-final against India next weekend. Cash, an avid Hawthorn supporter, has taken a leave of absence from the Cup squad to be at the match.

MOTOR SPORT



Title dreams: Mansell resting after setting the fastest time in practice yesterday

Mansell is the fastest but may change regular car

From John Blunsden
Jerez

Once again Nigel Mansell is proving to be the man to beat in preparation for tomorrow's Spanish Grand Prix, and as in Portugal a week ago it is the Ferrari of Gerhard Berger that is providing the main threat to the Canon Williams-Honda.

"The Ferrari's have become very competitive," he said after yesterday's qualification runs, "and can be looked upon as potential winners of any of the remaining races this year." Their new-found competitiveness could impede Mansell's dwindling championship chances.

For Nelson Piquet, on the other hand, the task is supremely simple. All he has to do is to win tomorrow and the world title will be his for the third time. Mansell, meanwhile, has a more immediate problem to solve — whether to use his regular car or the one adapted to active suspension.

"Right now I favour using the car with normal suspension," he said. "I have used it to set fastest times in both practice sessions, the chassis and engine both feel good, and bearing in mind we had a couple of problems this morning with my 'active' car, I think my best chance of a reliable run will be with my regular car.

"However, Nelson set his best time with "active" so obviously I still have to consider using mine. I will probably spend some time with it tomorrow before making a final decision."

Mansell's dilemma is that his "active" car tends to float at certain places round the track but it offers more grip out of slow corners.

The Jerez track has been resurfaced at four places since last year's race, which has removed some of the worst bumps. Jonathan Palmer, fastest of the 3½-litre qualifiers in his Courtaulds Tyrrell believes that the turbos can be given "more of a run for their money" here than in recent races. Derek Warwick found the chassis settings of his spare Arrows preferable to that of his regular car.

Martin Brundle's lean spell may have been ended by a change of rear wing on his Zakspeed, which immediately lowered his lap times by 1.5sec. However, Brundell is still concerned that the gearbox trouble which halted him in the last two races may return tomorrow.

There are 28 cars fighting for 26 grid places and Andrea de Cesaris had just one flying lap in which to qualify the spare Brabham after two engine failures had side-lined his own and Riccardo Patrese's race cars. Thierry Boutsen, too, had to miss half of qualifying while his Benetton was given an engine change.

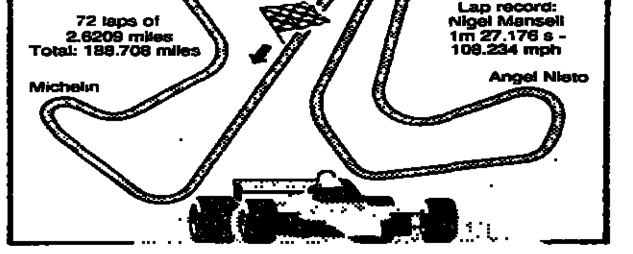
QUALIFYING TIMES: 1, N Mansell (GB), Canon Williams-Honda, 1min 23.081sec; 2, G Berger (Austria), Ferrari, 1:23.164; 3, N Piquet (Br), Canon Williams-Honda, 1:23.621; 4, M Alboreto (It), Ferrari, 1:24.192; 5, A Prost (Fr), Marlboro McLaren-TAG, 1:24 596; 6, A Senna (Br), Camel Lotus-Honda, 1:25.162; 7, T Fabi (It), Benetton-Ford, 1:25.263; 8, S Johansson (Swe), Marlboro McLaren-TAG, 1:26.147; 9, T Boutsen (Bel), Benetton-Ford, 1:26.372; 10, R Patrese (It), Brabham-BMW, 1:26.639; 11, D Warwick (GB), USF and G Arrows-Megatron, 1:26.728; 12, E Cheever (US), USF and G Arrows-Megatron 1:27.062; 13, R Arnoux (Fr), Ligier Loto-Megatron, 1:28.241; 14, J Palmer (GB), Courtaulds Tyrrell-Cosworth Ford, 1:28.353; 15, I Capelli (It), Leyton House March-Cosworth Ford, 1:28.477; 16, S Nakajima (Japan), Camel Lotus-Honda, 1:28.776; 17, A Nannini (It), Minardi-Moderni, 1:28.823; 18, M Brundle (GB), West Zakspeed, 1:28.876; 19, P Streiff (Fr), Courtaulds Tyrrell-Cosworth Ford, 1:28.970; 20, P Alliot (Fr), Larrousse Lola-Cosworth Ford, 1:29.147; 21, A Campos (Sp), Minardi-Moderni, 1:29.538; 22, P Ghinzani (It), Legier Loto-Megatron, 1:29.663; 23, C Danner (WG), West Zakspeed, 1:30.325; 24, A Caffi (It), Landis and Gyr Osella-Alfa Romeo, 1:31.284; 25, N Larini (It), Coloni-Cosworth Ford, 1:31.319; 26, A de Cesaris (It), Brabham-BMW, 1:31.981; 27, P Fabre (Fr), El Charro AGS-Cosworth Ford, 1:32.490; 28, F Forini (Switz), Landis and Gyr Osella-Alfa Romeo, 1:34.723.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS: Drivers: 1, Piquet, 67pts; 2, Senna, 49; 3, Mansell, 43; 4, Prost, 40; 5, Johansson, 22; 6, Berger, 18; equal 7, Boutsen, Fabi, 10; 9 Alboreto, 8; 10, Nakajima, 6; 11, Cheever, 5; equal 12, de Cesaris, Palmer, Streiff, 4; 15, Warwick, 3; equal 16, Brundle, Patrese, 2; equal 18, Arnoux, Capelli, Alliot, 1. Constructors: 1, Williams-Honda, 110pts; 2, McLaren-TAG, 62; 3, Lotus-Honda, 55; 4, Ferrari, 26; 5, Benetton-Ford, 20; equal 6, Tyrrell-Cosworth Ford and Arrows-Megatron, 8; 8, Brabham-BMW, 6; 9, Zakspeed, 2; equal 10, Legier-Megatron, March-Cosworth Ford and Lola-Cosworth Ford 1. FIA Jim Clark Cup: 1, Palmer, 71pts; 2, Streiff, 58; 3, Fabre, 35; 4, Capelli, 34; 5, Alliot, 25. FIA Colin Chapman Cup: 1, Tyrrell-Cosworth Ford, 129pts; 2, AGS-Cosworth Ford, 35; 3, March-Cosworth Ford, 34; 4, Lola-Cosworth Ford, 25.

Test for Herbert with Benetton

Jerez — Benetton will remain behind at Jerez for several days of testing next week, during which it is hoped to give the Romford driver, Johnny Herbert, aged 23, a further test drive (John Blunsden writes). Two weeks ago, Herbert, who recently won the Lucas British Formula Three championship, lapped Brands Hatch in a sensational 36sec during an initial trial with the team.

"He impressed us very much," the team manager, Peter Collins, said, "and I thought it would be interesting to see how he gets on on an unfamiliar circuit."



Australian is poised to take final step

By Michael Scott

The resumption of world championship motor-cycle racing in Latin America, with the Brazilian TT tomorrow, begins the final stage of the longest racing season yet with the outcome still in doubt.

Wayne Gardner, of Australia, who rides for Rothman's Honda, has not quite secured the title, but it will take a crash or a mechanical failure at the Goiania circuit, about 100 miles from Brasilia, to prevent him from becoming the first Australian to win the Premier class in motor-cycle racing. He leads his nearest rival, Randy Mamola (Lucky Strike Yamaha), of the United States, by 17 points, and the only other possible winner, Eddie Lawson (Marlboro Yamaha), the defending champion, by 23.

If Gardner wins tomorrow, he cannot be caught, no matter where he finishes, in next Sunday's Argentinian Grand Prix. If Mamola wins, Gardner will have to wait a little longer.

Gardner has finished all 13 races so far, scoring points in each. Lawson has failed to finish three times; he crashed once and twice had mechanical trouble and Mamola has failed to finish only once, when he crashed, but has been slowed several times with an arm injury.

Next Sunday the Argentinian GP marks the resumption of a short-lived series that was interrupted by the Falklands conflict. Only 500cc and 250cc classes will race here, and only teams with championship hopes and obligations to sponsors have made the journey.

Jaguar hopes to make inroads in Far East

By a Special Correspondent

Jaguar faces another milestone in a highly successful season of world sports-prototype racing when its Silk Cut XJR-8s travel to the Far East this weekend. Having vanquished the might of Porsche in Europe, the Coventry marque takes on the Japanese manufacturers, Toyota, Nissan and Mazda, at Mount Fuji before moving on to Sendai next weekend.

This season Jaguar, which has seven victories in the nine races so far, has also won its first ever championship title, for manufacturers, and Raul Boesel, of Brazil, was confirmed as drivers' champion recently at Spa. He shares the lead car with Johnny Dumfries, of Scotland, while John Watson, of Ulster, and Jan Lammers, of The Netherlands, share the second.

Their principal opposition comes from the Britten-Lloyd Porsche of Mike Thackwell and Mauro Baldi, and the former champion Derek Bell, of Britain, in the Porsche he shares with Sir Jack Brabham's eldest son, Geoff.

In Scotland, meanwhile, Formula Three racing returns north of the border for the first time in 12 years with the Formula Shell Scottish Super Prix at Knockhill tomorrow. Johnny Herbert, the Lucas British Formula Three champion, faces strong competition from the Cellnet Ricoh team colleagues, Damon Hill and Martin Donnelly, and Gary Dunn, the Lucas Glass B champion, in this non-championship event.

Gillanders well placed

With five different cars still in contention for overall honours, today's Quip stages rally in Yorkshire could have a vital bearing on the destiny of this year's Marlboro national championship (Derek Hill writes).

The handful of long, straight and very fast stretches included in 80 miles of competition in the penultimate round of the series, favour the four-wheel-drive MG Metros of David Gillanders, the championship leader, and the veteran, Roger Clark.

Gillanders, a Scotsman, has three victories to his credit this year, and holds a 10-point advantage over Graham Middleton, in a Toyota Corolla, with Clark a further three points in arrears.

Rally odds on Volkswagen

Abidjan (Reuter) — Kenneth Eriksson, of Sweden, is well placed to give Volkswagen victory on their first appearance in the Ivory Coast motor rally, depleted by the withdrawal of many competitors. He was the first away yesterday on the rally's third and final stage, with only 12 out of 43 original starters still in the race, leading Shekkar Mehta, of Kenya, by more than 10 minutes.

The rally has been marred by rain and the early withdrawal of the Toyota team.

LEADING POSITIONS (after two stages): 1, K Eriksson (Swe), VW Golf GTI, 38min 28sec time penalties; 2, S Mehta (Kenya), Nissan Sylvia, 46:59; 3, E Weber (WG), VW Golf GTI, 1:27:52; 4, P Tauziac (Ivory Coast), Mitsubishi Star, 4:22:08; 5, P Copetti (Ivory Coast), Toyota Corolla, 4.44:03.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Bishop affair is a further blow to St Helens morale

By Keith Macklin

With **St Helens** reeling from their latest transfer fiasco, and problems piling up on and off the field, **Bradford Northern** must feel that their excellent start to the season will continue at beleaguered Knowsley Road tomorrow.

After the Shelford dispute with Wigan and the cloak-and-dagger transfer of Stuart Evans, the Saints took another custard pie in the face with the calling off of the David Bishop signing. Although the St Helens officials are making no comment, it is widely understood that Bishop failed to pass rigorous medical examinations on Thursday, assumed to be connected with the severe neck injury he sustained five years ago.

However, Pontypool, his Rugby Union club, after stating earlier this week that Bishop had ankle and toe injuries, have asked him to act as a replacement for today's game against Bridgend.

There seems little prospect of the Welsh Rugby Union making an official inquiry into the affair. George Morgan, the WRU president, said yesterday that concrete proof that Bishop had dealt directly with St Helens would be required for that. "We would want far more information on which to act than has come out of the media. We can't act until we know all the facts."

St Helens will want to forget the Bishop affair quickly because they have enough troubles on the pitch. Successive defeats in the Lancashire Cup and in the league, plus a host of injuries, have sapped morale.

Meanwhile, **Wigan** continue to succeed as if by some divine right. After hammering Salford in the Lancashire Cup, they travel the few miles to **Leigh** for a league game they should win reasonably comfortably.

One of the best games of the day will be at **Castleford**, where the Yorkshire Cup holders, who won in the cup at Halifax in midweek, take on **Warrington**, who, having put 50 points past **Workington Town**, are not only unbeaten but in great form.

Leeds, despite their vast array of expensive talent, slipped up against Bradford, but got back on course against Wakefield Trinity in their county cup tie. They should account for **Salford** at Headingley. **Widnes**, the other first division club with a 100 per cent record, should have no trouble maintaining it with promoted **Hunslet** as visitors. Both Hunslet and **Swinton** are, as always, finding the transition from the second division to the first a tough one.

YACHTING

Australia up creek without anchorage

From Barry Pickthall, Pusan, South Korea

Another frustrating delay before the start of the Soling and Tornado races at the pre-Olympic regatta off Pusan yesterday brought a sharp protest from the Australian team manager, who complained that the South Korean organizers had done nothing to arrest the continuing problem of dragging marks.

The problem has been something akin to turning up at Wembley for the FA Cup Final and finding that no one had marked out the pitch. But though the strong tides running off Pusan have been a contributing factor, the principal problem lies with the type of anchor being used to secure the inflatable buoys.

The South Koreans have based their design on the British "Danforth" anchor but failed to incorporate the all-important tripping bar which ensures that the flutes of the anchor dig into the bottom. This problem has been compounded by the fact that much of the sea bed is rock and unsuitable for the Danforth anyway, so the change this week of 10- to 15-kilogram anchors has had little effect.

Anything heavier will require a windlass to pull the ground tackle up from the 300ft depths. As yet, however, none of the purpose-built committee boats possesses such a luxury, so it looks as if the problem of dragging marks will continue until someone can provide the Koreans with the more efficient "Fishermen" or "CQR Plough" anchor to copy.

RESULTS: Tornado: Fourth race: 1, R Sellers and C Timms (Fiji); 2, J Van Ek and H Lambriex (Neth); 3, G Knapp and C Steinfeld (US); 4, R Gaebler and H Phone (WG); 5, G and C Metcalfe (Aus). **GB positions:** 13, R White and J Newman; 22, I Gray and M Bishop. **Overall after four races:** 1, Knapp and Steinfeld 21.4pts; 2, Ek and Lambriex 26; 3, M Faou and Y Quernec (Fr) 33.4; 4, Sellers and Timms 37. **GB positions:** 16, White and Newman; 24, Gray and Bishop. **Soling Class:** 1, Kostecki, Baylis, Ballingham (US); 2, Jungblut, Kroger, Bartel (WG); 3, Persson, Wallin, Oberg (Swe); 4, Bank, Mathiasen, Secher (Den); 5, Gorostegui, Jose, Lewas (Sp). **Leading overall:** equal 1, Kostecki, Baylis, Ballingham 21.7pts; 2, Persson, Wallin, Oberg 26.7; 3, Shaiduko, Poliakov, Kanov (USSR) 37.7. **Star Class overall after four races:** 1, Adams and Olsen (USA) 14.7pts; 2, Johansson and Hansson (Swe) 30.7; 3, Gorla and Peraboni (It) 31. **Flying Dutchmen Class Overall:** 1 Sela and Amir (Is) 19pts; 2, Braun and Kenney (US) 19.4; 3, Koning and Schelling (Neth) 26.7. **British placings:** 4, Turner and Allam 42.7; 14, Yeoman and Burgin 74. **Finn Class Overall:** 1 S Macleod (US) 34.4pts; 2, S Childerley (GB) 38.7; 3, L Crispin (GB) 44. **Sailboard Division 2 Overall:** 1, R Nagy (Fr) 25.7pts; 2, E Belot (Fr) 35.7; 3, S Steele (US) 39. **British placings:** 14, S Goody 80; 15, W Banham 83.7. **470 Men overall:** 1, Buckley and Newlands (GB) 30.4pts; 2, Janka and Korte (WG) 51; 3, Kinney and Orlov (US) 54. **Other British placings:** 14, Stead and Hemmings 87pts. **470 Women overall:** 1, Lemstrom and Lemstrom (Fin) 22.7pts; 2, Egnot and Egnot (NZ) 37.4; 3, Lugar and McLean (Can) 39.10. **British placings:** =4, Foster and Patton 40pts; 7, Hedgecock and Rushall 52.

POWERBOATING

Anxious wait for Jones

By Bryan Stiles

Jonathan Jones, Britain's brightest prospect in the race for a world title on the inland circuit, will be waiting anxiously on the start line of the Munich Grand Prix tomorrow for the arrival of a messenger from Rheims. Only then will he know if he stands a chance of capturing the Budweiser Formula Two championship.

Ralf Froehling, of West Germany, the president of the Union International Motonautique, will deliver the verdict of the UIM's Sports Commission, which is meeting today to decide whether Jones should be reinstated as winner of the June 14 Bristol Grand Prix.

Jones, of Wales, appealed against the race jury's decision to strip him of the Bristol title because of an alleged buoy infringement. If the commission rules in his favour today then Jones will regain eight points, putting him on 20.5, eight behind the leader, Billy Seebold, of the United States. If the verdict goes in his favour, and he wins tomorrow, the championship will be decided on the last event of the nine-race series, in Singapore on November 22.

The offshore branch of the sport is staging the Prudential Bournemouth Festival this weekend and it looks as if Brian Eastham, of Preston, should secure the world 1.3-litre championship today in the final event.

Dave Trotter, of Guernsey, looks the favourite to take the European four-litre title today after winning the first round on Thursday. Tomorrow the festival will climax with the chase for points in British classes.

MOTO-CROSS

Champion to defy handicap

Dave Thorpe, the British 500cc champion, is favourite to retain the title at the final round at Frome in Somerset tomorrow, on Sunday, although still not fully recovered from a broken arm (Derek Hill writes).

Thorpe still cannot swing his left arm properly but he does not consider it a handicap to racing against his lone championship rival, Kurt Nicoll, with whom he starts the last event level on points. "I proved I was fit enough at the previous round in August and I have been back almost to my full training schedule for the past fortnight," Thorpe said."

Kawasaki's hopes rest with Nicoll, who has never won the title. Andy Nicholls, Greg Hanson and Lawrence Spence will be scrapping for third place with only 19 points separating them.

HOCKEY

Americans open tour

The United States Under-21 team will play two matches today and tomorrow against the England Under-21 team at Dereham Hockey Club, Norfolk (Sydney Friskin writes). These matches are being played on the occasion of the opening of the club's new artificial-turf pitch.

The visitors will move on to Motherwell, where they will play the Scottish Under-21 team on October 1 and 2 before departing for The Netherlands, where they are scheduled to play the Dutch juniors on October 7.

The matches today and tomorrow will be useful exercises for the England players, who are preparing for the European Junior qualifying tournament at Luton Town Football Club from October 9 to 11, when they will face opposition from Belgium and Gibraltar.

SQUASH RACKETS

Hunt bows out in style

Hong Kong — The years finally caught up with Geoff Hunt as he bowed out to Jansher Khan, 22 years his junior, in the quarter-finals of the Cathay Pacific Dunlop Open championship here (a Special Correspondent writes).

Playing his fifth match in six days after coming through the qualifying rounds, Hunt, aged 40, departed with honour and dignity intact, keeping the world No. 4 on court for 58 minutes before losing 9-2, 9-3, 9-4.

Jansher will meet his illustrious compatriot, Jahangir Khan, in the semi-final. Jahangir was in awesome form as he demolished another Pakistani, Umar Hayat Khan, and Ross Norman, the world champion, defeated Neil Harvey, of Britain, in 37 minutes. He will meet his compatriot, Chris Dittmar, in the other semi-final.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: J Khan (Pak) bt U Hayat Khan (Pak), 9-7, 9-4, 9-3; Jansher Khan (Pak) bt G Hunt (Aus), 9-2, 9-3, 9-4; C Dittmar (Aus) bt G Brumby (Aus), 9-2, 9-0, 9-2; R Norman (NZ) bt N Harvey (GB), 9-2, 9-3, 9-5.

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FOOTBALL: THE MANAGER WHO LEFT HIS FAN CLUB BEHIND

Bassett stuck in the doghouse

By Clive White

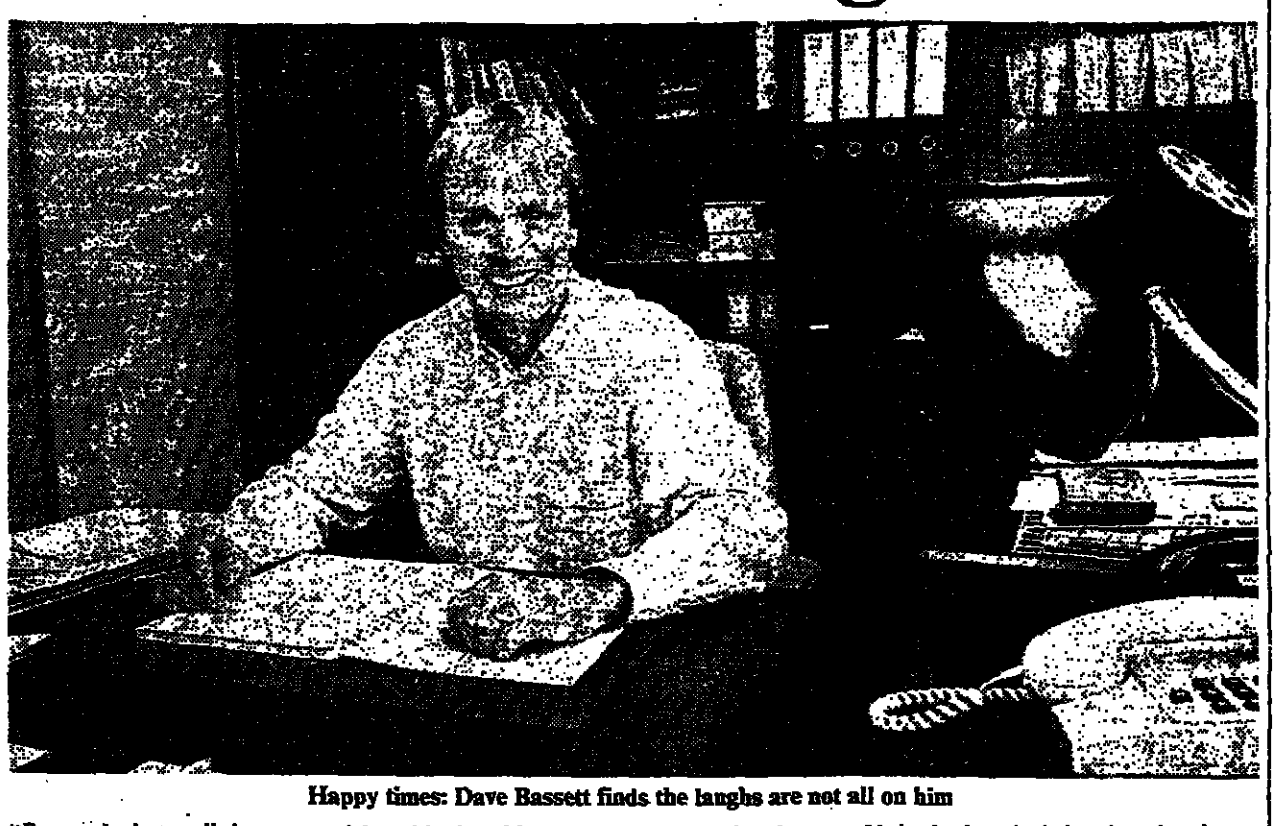
When Dave Bassett left *Wimbledon to become manager* of Watford in succession to Graham Taylor during the close season, it appeared, to outsiders at least, to have been *the most logical* move in football since Stanley Matthews returned to Stoke City. The disciple was following in the footsteps of his mentor. *But one month into the new* season, there is still no sign of any welcome banners for the Watford-born Bassett.

While most people expected Bassett *to build upon the* foundations that Taylor left behind, he has instead ripped them up and attempted to start all over again. The locals have not taken kindly to it and after the home draw against Portsmouth last Saturday, *which left them with just two* wins in their opening seven League games, Bassett was, not for the first time this season, loudly heckled and abused.

This is a new experience for Bassett, who this time last year was on top of the first division. For 13 years at Wimbledon, Harry Bassett, as he is known to his friends, was idolised by players, supporters and even the media alike. "I always felt immune to the sack at Wimbledon. But this recent criticism has woken me up to the insular situation I was *once in. I haven't felt comfortable* yet. It's going to take a good six to 12 months to feel at home here," he said.

He himself was under no illusion that Taylor would be a hard act to follow at Watford, *but he draws solace from the* knowledge that his predecessor experienced some unpopular moments too. "I've mates who are season ticket holders here and they have told me Graham got some stick last year. For all the supporters know, they may have driven him away. Have they thought about that? Elton John knew it would not be easy and has told me not to be too despondent," he said.

Bassett is convinced that *Taylor would have made* many of the changes for which he is now being maligned.



Happy times: Dave Bassett finds the laughs are not all on him

"Barnes had, to all intents, gone before I came. Rangers made me a good offer for Falco who I can now buy back for £100,000 less. No one is saying Bassett didn't do a bad job there.

Bardsley, Sims, Sinnott, Richardson and Hill all wanted to leave because they weren't making the team but only Richardson was a regular last season. I got £225,000 for him to sit in Arsenal's reserves. We can't afford to have a player of that value in our *reserve team. That's the difference* between Watford and clubs like Arsenal."

For the first time in his life Bassett, the underdog, is expected to come out on top. "They seem to think here that Watford have some divine right to be among the leaders. Well, they don't and anyway *they've only been* runners-up once, that was in their first season in the first division. The trouble is I have brought in players like Morris and Roberts who are not household names.

"I think nostalgia can play tricks with the old memory. I've got stick for leaving out Blissett, he's their folk hero. *But I happen to know he was* on the transfer list before I came here. I'm not interested in golden-oldies, just people who can do the job."

The problem is that Watford supporters seem to have forgotten (or perhaps they fear) where they came from. The once funny-looking little *fourth division club* has slowly taken on a more sophisticated appearance as their ugly ducklings have been beautified.

They are concerned that Bassett, with purchases like Morris (Wimbledon), Hetherston (Falkirk) and Reece (Cardiff City) and sales *like* Hill, Falco and Bardsley are devaluing Watford, taking them back downmarket.

"They don't seem to understand that Hetherston and Reece were bought for the future and I am still looking *for quality players at the right* price. The trouble is the selling clubs think they are dealing with Manchester United because of who our chairman is. 'Why don't you get Elton to *go out and do a world tour so* you can raise the money?' they say. They seem to think there's a bottomless pit here."

The proposed signing next week of Hodges, another former Womble, for £300,000, is not likely to endear manager — or player — anymore to Watford's aristocratic supporters, though Hodges' newly acquired tag of Welsh international should help. "If he were to be given a chance by the supporters he could be *the spark we are looking for.*"

The decision of McClelland yesterday to sign a four-year contract was a boost for Bassett and the manager clearly intends to hang onto Coton, his excellent goalkeeper, *as long as possible* despite rumours to the contrary. He still has two years of his contract to run. Parts of the media have presented *additional problems for* Bassett as it does for any manager. "My father-in-law kept insisting the other day to my wife that I was about to sell Coton because he had seen it *in a newspaper. 'He isn't dad,'* she told him. 'I ought to know I am married to Dave'."

Trust is what Taylor had and Bassett does not — not yet *anyway. Watford may not be a* top six club but Bassett's swish managerial office at Vicarage Road is as far a cry from his den at Plough Lane, as the penthouse suite is to the basement in the Empire State Building. At the moment he *looks and feels a little out of* place, like Walt Disney's Tramp setting up home in Lady's house.

Wimbledon have been described as a team with a pub style mentality where comradeship attained a level to which ordinary professional team work could never hope to aspire. *Bassett insists now* that team spirit throughout the club is of paramount importance. "Whoever succeeded without it?" he asks. *Bassett, having moved out of* the saloon bar now has to foster that spirit in the lounge.

Reid struggling to overcome injury

Peter Reid, the inspiration behind Everton's remarkable renaissance, is likely to miss today's meeting of the Football League champions and the FA Cup winners at Goodison Park.

Reid will face a Coventry City side struggling to live up to *expectations after their* Wembley triumph only if he can convince his manager, Colin *Harvey, that he has fully shaken* off the effects of the painful leg injury he sustained a fortnight ago on *Luton Town's artificial* surface and which he aggravated during the midweek Littlewoods Cup tie against Rotherham United.

"He fell badly at Kenilworth Road and took another knock in exactly the same place on Tuesday night. His leg is swollen and he is certainly doubtful," Harvey said.

If Reid is forced to miss out, Harvey has several options open to him and could hand any vacant midfield role to Alan Harper or Adrian Heath. Graeme Sharp, the champions' Scottish international forward, is fully fit and could well return in attack.

Leeds United may include both new signings in their team to face **Manchester City**. Jim Melrose, the forward bought from Charlton Athletic to *improve a Leeds record of three* goals in nine League games, definitely plays, and Ken de *Mange, the midfield player from* Liverpool, is another likely starter.

Mel Machin, the City manager, will decide this morning whether or not to include Mark Seagraves, a £100,000 buy from Liverpool, but will definitely have Paul Stewart available after the young forward pronounced himself fully recovered from a thigh strain.

"I will be looking for my players to bounce straight back *after losing at home in midweek.* We will be hoping to gain that elusive away win," he said, mindful that City have not won away from Maine Road in the League for over 20 months.

League is looking for an answer

Middlesbrough, facing bankruptcy just over a year ago, could be facing another financial crisis. Representatives of the club *will attend a meeting with the* Football League next Wednesday to explain where they stand with their old creditors.

The League agreed to transfer membership of the League from the old club to the new on the understanding that the new club would satisfy all the old creditors. But now, according to Cleveland County Council, bills are still unpaid — notably one of £80,000 for the policing of Ayresome Park.

● The Football Association has decided to take no action against Queen's Park Rangers or Chelsea following the pitch invasion by away supporters after the final whistle when the sides met at Loftus Road two weeks ago.

● Fulham have signed the Luton midfield player, Robert Wilson, aged 25, on a two-year contract for £40,000.

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Arsenal v West Ham

Arsenal will be unchanged for their sixth consecutive match as they attempt to extend an unbeaten run to five matches. Keen stands by to deputize for Ward, who is suspended. Stewart should be fit after bruising a calf.

Norwich v Nottm Forest

Norwich could be without Spearing, Butterworth (both knee injuries) and Biggins. All senior players have been placed on standby. Forest are likely to be unchanged which means no place for Osvold, the Norwegian international, whose appearances have been restricted by country calls.

QPR v Luton

Pezanti, Rangers' Israeli international, is included for the first time in a squad, which also contains Maguire. Weir, signed from Hibernian, will make his Luton debut as might Black, 19, on the left of midfield. However, Grimes and McDonough, who are also left-sided, are returning.

Sheffield Wed v Charlton

Marwood and May are back in contention for a place in a Wednesday team still without a win. The debut of Jones, Charlton's new signing, may be delayed by a hamstring strain. Walsh (leg) and Crooks (back) also require checks but Peake is back

Derby v Oxford

Derby, who have not won at home since the first day of the season, will probably be unchanged. Rhoades-Brown has been added to the Oxford 13 on duty in midweek.

Everton v Coventry

Pickering, available to Coventry again after suspension, is likely to return at left back in place of Downs. Wilson is poised to make his league debut for Everton who have Sharp back. Reid requires a test to a leg injury.

Man Utd v Tottenham

Robson continues for United in the back four despite Moses's absence with an ankle injury. Blackmore may deputize and Olsen should return to the side after international duty. Clive Allen, unavailable in midweek with a *hamstring injury, is unlikely to play* for Tottenham. Claesen returns, however. Samways and Moran are *again included* in the squad.

Newcastle v Southampton

Newcastle again omit Hodges *but Cornwell, the other close* season buy, may make his debut in place of Stephenson. *Southampton are likely to move* Danny Wallace back into attack and promote his brother, Rodney, aged 17, to the substitutes' bench. Hobson is out with an ankle injury.

GOLF

Challenge blunted by erratic Davies

By John Hennessy

Laura Davies, the United States Open champion, fended off a challenge to her lead in the Laing NSPCC Charity Classic tournament at Stoke Poges yesterday. With a third round of 70, *three under par, she has, indeed,* improved her position to a two-stroke margin over Debbie *Dowling, a fellow-member of* the Surrey county side a few years back, Alison Nicholas, the *British Open champion, and* Jane Connachan, of Scotland.

Miss Davies stands on 210, nine under par, *the other three* on 212, Miss Connachan having scored 67 yesterday putting like a demon. Miss Nicholas 69 and Miss Dowling 71.

In spite of her score, Miss Davies struggled yesterday with her driver, ordinarily a formidable ally, and abandoned it altogether in favour of an iron at the 18th (370 yards). Even so a two-iron off the tee and a nine-iron off the fairway gave her the chance of a birdie from 15 feet, but the putt slipped by.

Earlier she had played three wretched tee shots at successive holes from the fifth, so that she came to the ninth (407 yards) two over par for the day. A brilliant drive there followed by a nine-iron hauled in an eagle to bring her back to even keel.

Miss Dowling caught Miss Davies for the second time with a two at the short 16th, but she conceded *a stroke at each of the* last two holes. Miss Davies holing a chip shot for a birdie at *the 17th and her challenger* taking three putts at the last.

Miss Nicholas, for all her diminutive stature, measured up well to her playing partners in the final three-ball and her homeward half of 33, three under par, leaves her well placed for a final assault today. Miss Connachan had also come home in 33.

THIRD ROUND LEADING SCORES (British unless stated) 211: L Davies, 71, 69, 71. 212: J Connachan, 72, 73, 67; A Nicholas 76, 67, 69. D Dowling 71, 70, 71. 214: J Soulsby, *70*, 76, 68. 215: C Panton, 71, 73, 71. 216: E Dibnah (Aus), 73, 74, 69. K Lunn (Aus), 69, 75, 72. 217: M-L Taya (Fr), 74, 73, 70; L Wilson (Aus), 75, 70, 72. D Reid, 73, 72, 72; S Strudwick, 73, 72, 72. S Moon (US), 72, 72, 73. A Jones (Aus), 72, 71, 74. 218: M Thomson, 74, 72, 72. A Sheard, 72, 74, 72; S Van Wyk (SA), 72, 74, 72; F Dassu (It), 74, 71, 73; M Wennersten (Swe), 71, 72, 75. 219: T Johnson, 76, 73, 70, K Douglas, 74, 72, 73; *T Fernando (Sri Lanka)*, 72, 74, 73; V Marvin 72, 74, 73.

Full course for North Korea

Tokyo (AFP) — North Korea, which has only a handful of amateur golfers, has opened its first 18-hole course. A tournament was held on Wednesday and Thursday at the 120-hectare course in Pyongyang.

***Work on the course began in* 1983, using funds raised by Koreans living in Japan, to *commemorate the birthday of* President Kim Il-sung, 75 last April. The North Korean news agency reported *that* the development of the course was aimed at luring foreign visitors, including an estimated 10,000 expatriates who visit each year.**

Winning formula is put to good effect by Davis

By Mel Webb

Rodger Davis's golfing philosophy is *compellingly simple.* Forget the last hole, he says, good or bad, concentrate on the *next and you will be all right.* Winnings of more than £122,000 in Europe this season *prove it works, too.*

It certainly came in handy for the Australian yesterday when he recovered from a disastrous seven on the first hole at windswept Hoylake to produce a magnificent score of 69 and move into a handsome half-way lead in the £70,000 Vernons Open.

A joint leader after the first round on one under par, Davis slipped to one over after covering the front nine in 38, but then unleashed a remarkable burst of scoring from the 13th, four birdies and an eagle bringing him back in 31.

Davis's accident black spot on the 428-yard first came when he *pushed his one-iron second* stroke out of bounds — "a no-brain shot", he said. But he *pulled a shot back on each of the* next two holes with a sand wedge to five feet and a pitching wedge to two feet.

Three putts on the fifth saw another shot drift away, and his chances of extending his lead must have been wobbling as he played the seven holes around the turn in regulation to come to the tee at the short 13th one over par.

Then it all started to happen. An eight-iron and a 15-foot putt gave him a birdie, and a drilled four-iron second shot downwind and a 30-foot putt on the 516-yard 14th produced an eagle. Birdies on the 15th and 16th gave further proof that the Davis method was working, and suddenly he had saved five *shots to par in four holes.*

Card of course

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6	383	4	15	460	4
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8	519	5	17	418	4
9	393	4	18	395	4
Out	3,441	36	In	3,569	36

Total yardage: 7,010 Par: 72

By now, not even a dropped shot on the 17th could provide a *serious interruption to the* charge, which he completed with a 60-foot putt on the last *which tore up to the cup* like a frightened rabbit, popped up and disappeared below ground.

Davis, *who has kept his head* all week while others were shooting 80s, has said since he arrived at the club *that he has* not seen a course all season in better condition than Hoylake. Not surprisingly, he saw little reason to change his opinion yesterday.

"The beauty of this course is that even in the conditions we've had in the last two days, it still gives you a shot even when the wind is at its worst," he said. "If you keep playing, you can score well."

Davis leads by two from *David Llewellyn, who had four* birdies in his 69, with Ross Drummond, a joint leader over*night, a further stroke behind.*

LEADING SECOND ROUND SCORES (GB and Ireland unless stated). 140: R Davis (Aus), 71, 69. 142: D Llewellyn, 73, 69. 143: R Drummond, 71, 72. 144: P Walton, 74, 70. 145: M Davis, 73, 72. 147: T Minshall, 76, 71. D J Russell, 76, 71. 148: J Harrison, 73, 75. I Mosey, 77, 71; N Briggs, 76, 72. J Heggarty, 75, 73; H Balocchi (SA), 75, 73. P Cowen, 74, 74; P Way, 74, 74; D Ray, 75, 73. 149: P Thomas, 74, 75; R Weir, 75, 74.

Europe pull back in the singles

By Patricia Davies

"Thank heavens for foursomes" was the silent cry of the home supporters on the first day of the Vagliano Trophy at the Berkshire club yesterday. Britain and Ireland led 3-1 after the morning matches and should have had a whitewash, but having played immaculately for *10 holes.* McKenna and Hourihane started missing greens and lost by one hole to *Louapre and Lautens.*

Encouraged by that let off, the European side won the singles to pull themselves back into the match.

They got off to a good start when Andersson and Navarro proved too good for Bayman and Thomas *respectively.* Mrs Bayman has spent the summer putting on slow greens and the *fast, true surfaces of the Blue* course undid her against a steady opponent.

Fortunately for the home side, Thornhill, aged 45, was three under par against van der Haegen and won on the 16th green. Mrs Thornhill really clinched the match at the 15th, where she chipped in for a birdie three with Miss van der Haegen deep in a bunker in four, having lost her initial tee shot in a patch of rough.

The middle of the order rescued the home side with Davies beating Bourtayre, who was at odds with her putting all afternoon, particularly at the short 13th where a bemused Miss Davies was conceded the hole after her opponent had taken four putts and was still above ground.

SCORES: Britain and Ireland 6½, Europe 5½ (GB and Ireland names first): Foursomes: J Collingham and S Shapcott (Eng) bt H Andersson and S Gronberg (Swe), 3 and 2. L Bayman (Eng) and K Davies (Wales) bt M-C Navarro (Sp) and C Bourtayre (Fr), 2 holes; V Thomas (Wales) and J Thornhill (Eng) bt S Croce (It) and S Wunsch (Sp), 5 and 4; *C Hourihane and M* McKenna (Ire) lost to S Louapre (Fr) and R Lautens (Switz), 1 hole. Singles: Bayman lost to Andersson, 3 and 2; Thomas lost to Navarro, 1 hole; Thornhill bt A van der Haegen, 3 and 2; Davies bt Bourtayre, 4 and 3; Hourihane bt Louapre, 1 hole; Shapcott and Lautens, halved; F Anderson lost to Croce, 5 and 4; McKenna lost to Gronberg, 2 and 1.

SWIMMING

Brew leaves rivals in his wake

Paul Brew, of Scotland, made an encouraging start to his short-course racing season by qualifying for three finals yesterday at the first of the major open meets in Southampton (Roy Moor writes).

He was the fastest qualifier for the 400 metres freestyle, with 4min 08.05sec, and the 200 metres individual medley, at 2:16.75. *Despite those fast* times, he still had the speed to record the fourth-best time in the 50 metres breaststroke, and will line up with Adrian Moorhouse in the final.

Brew, whose brother, Robin, captained Britain's swimming team at the Los Angeles Olympics three years ago and missed a bronze medal by a mere touch, *has set his sights on winning* selection for next year's Games in Seoul.

Being such a competent all-rounder, it is not surprising he is making his main target the 200 metres individual medley, the event in which Robin clipped the Olympic record in the heats at Los Angeles.

TENNIS

Impressive Wood seals cup

By Barry Wood

Great Britain last night produced a triumphant victory over *the United States* to win the Maureen Connolly Trophy for the first time since 1975. The tie was clinched with Claire Wood's 6-2, 6-4 upset of Grace Kim, and followed a 7-5, 3-6, 6-3 win by Valda Lake over Jennifer Santrock.

Miss Lake was perhaps fortunate to come through her match so well. Her serve is an important *part of her game, but its* venom deserted her for much of the 2hr 14min battle. In all, she *produced ten double faults. She* still requires work on her second serve and her back hand, as she would be the first to admit. *But* Santrock was even more prone to error and that allowed Miss Lake to survive.

It is always a satisfying *achievement however to be able* to win when one is playing badly. Although Miss Lake was *not at her best, Miss* Wood certainly was and her win over the American No. 1 was the best of her career.

Her aggression and determ*ination to succeed never really* gave Miss Kim a chance to get into her stride. A sudden change of pace, a powerful forehand or her tactically intelligent backhand all played a part. But her perseverance while under pressure in the second set was *perhaps her greatest* virtue.

After dominating the opening set, and having three break points on Miss Kim's serve early in the second, the American broke to lead 3-2. But it was rather like a football team scoring against the run of play and *Miss Wood replied in kind* in the very next game.

The pressure became more intense as Miss Kim broke again, but once more the British girl was equal to the task.

RESULTS (GB names first): C Wood bt G Kim 6-2, 6-4; V Lake bt J Santrock, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3

SNOOKER: REX WILLIAMS, A MAN IN NEED OF A LITTLE HELP FROM HIS FRIENDS

Association chairman is under siege

By Ian Stafford

Rex Williams, whose position as chairman of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) is looking decidedly shaky after a 5-2 vote of no confidence at Wednesday's board meeting, has little time to reassert his authority.

Williams refused to stand down *during the meeting, quoting* the constitution to say that he could be removed only at the *association's annual general* meeting.

The first half of that meeting was held in June when he was, ironically, reappointed as chair*man.* Part two is planned for some time next month.

A war of words has developed between Williams and those who want him out. John Virgo, *the WPBSA's vice-chairman,* Ray Edmonds, Mark Wildman, John Spencer and David Taylor all voted against him.

Virgo said later he was dis*gusted by the chairman's refusal* to resign and is considering resigning himself in protest. "The cause of truth and the cause of snooker might be better served that way," he said.

Williams reacted yesterday. "The discussions that took place at the meeting were known by all the directors present to be confidential," he said. "It was agreed that no statement would be issued on the subject of the chairmanship. But it appears that John Virgo decided subsequently to talk to the Press.

"I have a duty to all members and I therefore plan to continue working for snooker, as I have done for the last 35 years."

Board members are upset with the conduct of the WPBSA's affairs, and are particularly concerned about their chairman's close ties with Barry Hearn, who resigned from the board at the meeting.

Williams could be dismissed at a special general meeting, if *10 per cent of the voting* members sign a motion calling for one, or, indeed, at the *resumed annual general* meeting.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National League: Philadelphia Phillies 3 Chicago Cubs 2 (11 innings); Cincinnati Reds 5, San Diego Padres 4, Atlanta Braves 8, Houston Astros 7: Montreal Expos 5, New York Mets 4: St Louis Cardinals 3, Pittsburgh Pirates 2. American League: Toronto Blue Jays 4, Detroit Tigers 3: Minnesota Twins 4, Texas Rangers 0: Milwaukee Brewers 7, Boston Red Sox 6: Chicago White Sox 4, Oakland Athletics 2.

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS CUP: First round, first leg: MIM Livingston 82 (Granger 28, Way 22). Saturn Cologne 98 (Jackel 28, Beach 20): Zbrojovka Brno (Cz) 94 (Okae 26). Portsmouth 76 (Irish 30, Glass 13, Tatham 13): Benfica 122 Sparta Bertrange (Lux) 77. AEL Limassol (Cyprus) 72. Dosza Koermend (Hun) 84.

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS' CUP: Hoofddorp (Neth) 72. Solna (Swe) 74: Sporting (Lux) 36, Agon Düsseldorf (WG) 98. Birsfelden (Switz) 61 Torosa (Sp) 83.

KORAC CUP: Divarese (It) 115, Dudlange (Lux) 61

BOXING

GLASGOW: Professional show: Lightweight: British championship (12 rounds): Alex Dickson (Larkhall) bt Tony Willis (Liverpool), points. Other bout (eight rounds): Marvin Gray (Stanley) bt Peter Bradley (Glasgow), points. Light welterweight (six rounds): John Dickson (Larkhall) bt John Smith (Liverpool), points. Middleweight (six rounds): R Barker (Nottingham) bt J McKenzie (Newport), rsc, 5th rnd. Light heavyweight (six rounds): Bobby Frankham (Newmarket) bt Sean Osborne (Nottingham), points. Heavyweight (eight rounds): Trevor "Hughroy" Currie (London) bt Al Malcolm (Birmingham), points.

TABLE TENNIS

SAINT-PIERRE-DU-MONT, France: European League, super division: France bt Yugoslavia. Men's singles (French players first): P Birocheau bt Z Primorac, 21-16, 18-21, 21-16; J-P Gatien lost to Z Kalinic, 17-21, 21-15, 16-21; P Birocheau bt Z Kalinic, 21-14, 20-22, 21-18; J-P Gatien lost to Z Primorac, 18-21, 16-21; 19-21. Women's singles: Xiao Ming Wang bt A Fazlic, 22-20, 22-24, 21-17. Men's doubles: Birocheau and Gatien lost to Primorac and Lupulesku, 23-25, 16-21. Mixed doubles: Wang and Gatien bt Lupulesku and Perkucin, 14-21, 21-18, 21-9.

GOLF

ABILENE, Texas: PGA South-West Classic tournament: First round leaders (US unless stated): 65: R Eastwood, 66: R Lunn, R Lohr, F Connor, D Forsman, D Halldorson (Can) 67: S Pate, J Adams, C Pavin, R Black.

NORTHUMBERLAND GC: English County championship finals: Warwickshire v Devon: Foursomes (Warwicks players first): M Biddle and P Downes bt J Langmead and B Austin, one hole; A Carman and W Bladon bt M Evans and G Milne, 3 and 2; P Broadhurst and J Cook bt M Symons and P Newcombe, 3 and 1. Result: Warwickshire 3, Devon 0. Herefordshire v Yorkshire: Foursomes (Herefordshire names first): J Ambridge and P Robinson bt I Mckenzie and S East, 5 and 4; R Latham and W Henry halved with R Roper and S Field. P Cherry and J Coe lost to M Kelley and J Dockar, 2 and 1. Result: Herefordshire 1½, Yorkshire 1½

GOLF FOUNDATION SCHOOLS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS: Qualifying rounds: Whitchurch: 1, St Cyres Comprehensive, Penarth, 233 (S Ingram 79, N Allen 75, M Stroud 79); 2, Bassaleg Comprehensive, Newport, 237 (A Wesson 76, R Dinsdale 81, M Foster 80); 3, Chepstow Comprehensive, 239 (L Edwards 78, D Bessant 81, D Bremner 80). Best individual: N Allen (St Cyres), 75. Lanark: 1, Bathgate Academy, 241 (S Rose 79, D Strachan 76, D Drysdale 86); 2, Wallace Hall Academy, Thornhill, 244 (A Coltart 74, S Irvine 87, D Douglas 83); 3, Kelvinside Academy, Glasgow, 250 (S Cochran 80, D Provan 85, E Findlay 85). Best individual: A Coltart (Wallace Hall), 84. Bury St Edmunds: 1, Great Yarmouth High School, 249 (C Green 81, S Herd 81, S Clark 87), 2, Ipswich School, 249 (M Graves 81, D Henderson 83, R Jackson 85); 3, Sir John Leman High School, Beccles, 259 (J Fisher 86, P Sharp 83, S Shelver 90). Best individual: S Herd (Gt Yarmouth HS), 81

POWERBOATING

BOURNEMOUTH FESTIVAL: World 1.3 litre: Second round: 1, Kin-ell-Fire, G Eastham (GB), 1hr 14min 44sec, av speed 42.5mph, 400pts; 2, Technics, C Malzard (Jer), 1:18.16, 41.6mph, 300; 3, PFM, S Pallant (GB), 1:16.18, 41.8mph, 225. Overall positions: 1, Eastham, 800pts; 2, Malzard, 525; 3, Pallant, 394. European 4 litre: First round: 1, Magician IV, D Trotter (Guernsey), 1hr 17min 2sec, av speed 53.3mph; 2, Agfa Bluebird, F Pike (NZ), 1:23.22, 49.3mph; 3, Assagai, D Allenby (GB), 1:24.5, 48.8mph.

TENNIS

LOS ANGELES: Volvo tournament: Men's singles: Second round (US unless stated): T Wilkison bt G Muller (SA), 6-4, 6-4; A Agassi (US) bt G Forget (Fr), 6-3, 7-6; B Gilbert bt K Evernden (NZ), 6-3, 7-6, P Annacone bt D Rostagno, 6-2, 7-6.

BARCELONA: Spanish Open tournament: Men's singles, third round: M Wilander (Swe) bt J Aguilera (Sp), 6-4, 7-5; G Perez (Arg) bt A Gomez (Ec), 6-3, 1-0, retired. M Jaite (Arg) bt E Sanchez (Sp), 6-3, 7-6; E Bengoechea (Arg) bt M Mecir (Cz), 6-4, 6-1.

HAMBURG: Women's tournament: Singles, Second round: I Cueto (WG) bt P Huber (Austria), 7-5, 6-7, 6-1; J Wiesner (Austria) bt M Bollegraf (Neth), 6-3, 6-3; S Goles (Yug) bt P Tarabini (Arg), 7-5, 6-1; I Kuczynska (Pol) bt R Rajchrtova (Cz), 2-6, 7-5, 6-4. Third round: S Graf (WG) bt B Fulco (Arg), 6-2, 6-4, S Cecchini (It) bt A Sanchez (Sp), 6-2, 6-1; K Horvath (US) bt M Torres (US), 6-3, 6-2. R Reggi (It) bt M Perez-Roldan (Arg), 6-3, 6-4. W Probst (WG) bt S Meier (WG), 6-1, 3-6, 6-1: S Goles (Yug) bt J Wiesner (Austria), 6-1, 6-0; I Kuczynska (Pol) bt C Kohde-Kilsch (WG), 6-2, 6-4; I Cueto (WG) bt L Meskhi (USSR), 6-3, 6-3. Quarter-finals: S Graf (WG) bt W Probst (WG), 6-2, 6-0; S Cecchini (It) bt R Reggi (It), 6-3, 1-6, 6-4.

ATP MEN'S RANKINGS: 1, I Lendl (Cz); 2, S Edberg (Swe), 3, M Wilander (Swe), 4, B Becker (WG), 5, M Mecir (Cz); 6, J Connors (US), 7, P Cash (Aus); 8, Y Noah (Fr); 9, J McEnroe (US), 10, K Carlsson (Swe).

ATP EARNING LIST: 1, M Mecir (Cz), $75,306 (£45,600); 2, S Edberg (Swe), $658,859, 3, I Lendl (Cz), $570,325; 4, M Wilander (Swe), $513,276, 5, P Cash (Aus), $339,154; 6, J McEnroe (US), $334,100, 7, B Becker (WG), $322,003, 8, E Sanchez (Sp), $280,934; 9, A Gomez (Ec), $278,523, 10, Y Noah (Fr), $264,893

YACHTING

ST TROPEZ: Moet et Chandon Maxi Cup: Blue class (over 62ft 6in): Qualifying rounds: Ondine VII (GB) bt 23333 (Fr), by 1min 9sec; Matador (US) bt Dwirona (Fr), 5sec; Matador bt Ondine VII, 31 sec. Final: Kialoa (US) bt Matador, 53 sec. Yellow class (under 62ft 6in): Emeraude (It) bt Gitana (Fr), by 2min; Final: Emeraude bt Othello (It), by 1min 4sec.

RUGBY UNION

GEORGE, S Africa: Tour match: South Western Districts/Boland Province 0, South Pacific Barbarians 40.

FOOTBALL

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First Division: Manchester City 8, Grimsby 0. Sheffield United 2, Nottingham Forest 1. Second division: Scunthorpe 3, Rotherham 2; *Middlesborough 0*, Blackburn 0.

FA YOUTH CUP: First qualifying round replays: Wellingborough 2, Vauxhall Motors 0. Romsey 3, Oxford City 2.

GM ACCEPTANCE CUP: Qualifying round, replay: Bishops Stortford 1, Hayes 2.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: AC Delco Cup: Carshalton 2, Leatherhead 1.

EAST ANGLIAN CUP: First round: Arlesey 0, Royston.

CHARLEROI, Belgium: Olympic group E, qualifying match: Belgium 2 Yugoslavia 2.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Gremio 1, Vasco da Gama 0. Coritiba 2, Corinthians 1; Cruzeiro 2, Bahia 1. Fluminense 2, Palmeiras 0; Sao Paulo 3, Santa Cruz 0. Rio de Janeiro State League: Bahia, Santa Cruz 1, Corinthians 0; Santos 0, Flamengo 0. Botafogo 0, Internacional 0

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Millwall 0, Arsenal 1

RUGBY LEAGUE

LANCASHIRE CUP: Quarter-final: Whitehaven 14, Widnes 20.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Sheffield 46, Hackney 32.

SQUASH RACKETS

HONG KONG: Cathay Pacific Dunlop Open: Second round: J Khan (Pak) bt M Bodimeade (Eng), 9-1, 9-7, 9-2; H Khan (Pak) bt S Vocetn (Aus), 9-3, 9-5, 9-4, G Hunt (Aus) bt S Bowditch (Aus), 9-2, 9-7, 6-9, 9-1; J Khan (Pak) bt F Johnson (Swe), 9-3, 9-3, 9-2; R Norman (NZ) bt B Beeson (Eng), 9-1, 10-8, 9-5, G Brumby (Aus) bt D Walker (Eng), 9-4, 9-5, 9-6, C Dittmar (Aus) bt B Martin (Aus), 9-6, 9-5, 9-2, N Harvey (Eng) bt P Carter (Eng), 9-6, 9-7, 9-2.

Bath bound

The Northampton Town midfield player, Adrian Mann, has joined the *GM* Vauxhall Conference side, Bath City, on a month's loan.

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Woosnam excels as Europe rally

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, Columbus, Ohio

It took a little believing, and an excess of courage and endeavour, but as the 27th Ryder Cup began here yesterday on the Muirfield Village course, so Europe staged a quite remarkable rally to finish the opening series on level terms with the United States.

For a large part of the morning it seemed that Europe might be overwhelmed in the foursomes as the United States swept ahead in all four matches. Yet by lunch, the scene on the 18th green, of Tony Jacklin, the captain, hugging first Nick Faldo and Ian Woosnam then Severiano Ballesteros and José-Maria Olazábal took the memory back to The Belfry where two years ago Europe won the biennial match for the first time since 1957.

Faldo and Woosnam produced the most astonishing performance by clawing their way back from four holes behind at the turn to defeat Larry Mize and Lanny Wadkins by two holes. Ballesteros, playing as well as he has at any time in his illustrious career, and Olazábal recovered from two down after six holes to win on the last green against Larry Nelson and Payne Stewart.

It was an Herculean effort which meant that the foursomes were shared two-two. The frustration of the Americans was rather boisterously reflected by Wadkins as he angrily brushed aside an ITN camerman on departing from the 18th green.

Jacklin, of course, had nothing but admiration for all of his players. "Fantastic," he said. "It looked pretty grim early on but I've got a great bunch of fighters here. It left us in a much better mood for the four balls in the afternoon."

In fact it was a classic morning for the start of this historic contest. There was a hint of winter in the air, as Howard Clark struck the opening shot, but as the early mist cleared so the sun's rays lit a typically golden autumnal scene.

The trouble was that initially there was little to brighten the morning as far as Europe was concerned as Sam Torrance and Clark lost three of the first five holes. They were eventually dispatched quite unmercifully four and two by Tom Kite and Curtis Strange while Ken Brown and Bernhard Langer finally succumbed two and one to Dan Pohl and Hal Sutton.

Even so, the other two foursomes matches transformed the mood in the European camp from one of despondency to one of delight. Faldo and Woosnam provided the unlikeliest point for they had struggled to the turn in fewer than 40 shots and Mize and Wadkins had taken full advantage by easing into a convincing four holes lead.

Woosnam traced their problem to misjudging several shots early on in the cold conditions. But there was absolutely nothing wrong with the three-iron that Faldo struck to five feet from the hole at the 10th. Woosnam sank the put for a winning birdie and he lit the blue touch paper on one of the finest recoveries since the Ryder Cup began in 1927.

In truth Wadkins turned the dagger on his own team by hitting his tee shot into a bunker at the short 12th and driving into creek at the 14th. Woosnam, however, brought the encounter all square with a glorious one-iron shot of some 250 yards which found the centre of the green at the long 15th.

Mize and Wadkins, after playing the 17th hole indifferently went behind for the first time and Woosnam ensured a famous victory when at the 18th he executed an excellent recovery from a green side bunker after Faldo's five-iron approach had fallen short.

Even so it was the mercurial Ballesteros who provided the largest gallery ever to witness a Ryder Cup match in the United States with a variety of strokes which will long be etched in the memory of every one of those spectators who had the fortune to see them.

There was an inauspicious start for the continental partnership as Nelson, protecting an unbeaten Ryder Cup record, struck his opening tee shot to within six feet of the cup. Stewart's put for a birdie never looked like missing.

Ballesteros, however, immediately replied. He struck a gorgeous second shot to six feet at the next which squared the match. Ballesteros saved the third with a deft chip but the Ameicans won the next two holes, both with birdies, before conceding the sixth.

The extraordinary pressure of playing in his first Ryder Cup match was clearly having a telling effect on Olazábal although his confidence level clearly rose, as beside him Ballesteros continued to produce the kind of inspirational golf that has become his trademark.

It was Ballesteros's outstanding 40 yards bunker shot which rescued the partnership again at the seventh, with the ball actually hitting the hole, and it was his putt of 25 feet which won for them the eighth with a two. Then it was back to all square again at the ninth where Nelson inexplicably missed from little more than two feet.

Ballesteros kept the momentum flowing with an extraordinary recovery at the 10th where Olazábal had driven into a fairway bunker. He hit a three-iron more than 170 yards and delivered the ball 10 feet behind the pin. Nelson and Stewart were level again with four holes remaining but Ballesteros won the 15th for his team by playing a delightful pitch and run across the slick surface of the green to within birdie distance. The Americans, now clearly feeling the pressure themselves, finally conceded that putt after Stewart had fluffed his chip.

Olazábal, to his credit, holed from seven feet for a par at the 16th but it was that man Ballesteros again who made sure of victry with another miraculous recovery at the 18th. He found himself once more playing from a fairway bunker but his six-iron flew the 150 yards to the green and from 45 feet the two Spaniards two putted then congratulated each other on their supreme achievement.

Card of course

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5	531	5	14	363	4
6	430	4	15	490	5
7	549	5	16	204	3
8	189	3	17	430	4
9	410	4	18	437	4
Out	3,603	36	In	3,501	36

Total yardage: 7,104 Par: 72

Yesterday's results

(US names first)

Foursomes

C Strange and T Kite bt S Torrance and H Clark, 4 and 2.
H Sutton and D Pohl bt K Brown and B Langer, 2 and 1.
L Wadkins and L Mize lost to N Faldo and I Woosnam, 2 up.
L Nelson and P Stewart lost to S Ballesteros and J M Olazábal, 1 up.

Another mercurial stroke: Ballesteros helps Europe draw level against the United States in the Ryder Cup

Jacklin's gloom turns to joy

From David Miller
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When Ian Woosnam dumped his approach into water at the foot of the green on the third, Tony Jacklin said glumly to Bernard Gallacher, his former Ryder Cup colleague who was driving his buggy here at Muirfield: "We're in bad shape." Woosnam and the Open champion, Nick Faldo, were three down to Wadkins and Mize, and the British dream was disintegrating fast in the morning foursomes.

Jacklin waited for Ballesteros and Olazábal, the fourth pair, to come through, and saw Ballesteros save the hole for a half with a perfect chip, past the flag and letting the ball roll back. But when the Spaniards went one down at the fourth, with the three pairs ahead of them already all trailing, Jacklin said to Gallacher: "Let's get out of here." To where, he was not sure. Nor what to say or do when he got there.

At this stage, American optimism was strident. To make matters worse for Jacklins, his short-wave intercom had gone dead, leaving him out of touch with events up-front. Langer and Brown were down to Sutton and Pohl after being ahead. Faldo's approach at the fifth was short, and with Woosnam putting wide, the pair dropped the hole after getting one back in the fourth. "A lot of bad shots," Jacklin muttered.

It had been such an idyllic opening to the three day event. A mist hung over parts of this beautiful course, the early sun creeping through the trees and catching the wet, turning leaves as Howard Clark drove the first ball of the day. As he and Torrance set off down the fairway, their footmarks in the heavy dew looked like snowprints. A crowd of over 300 cheered them on their way but within five holes they would be three down to Strange and Kite.

The august figure of the Earl of Derby, president of the PGA, was there with he sunrise. An aristocrat helps make the Ryder Cup scene. The day before, an American host had greeted him and asked how he was. "Fine," replied the Earl, except that the airline had lost his luggage. Never mind, sympathized his host. "It's a nuisance. I can't do anything," the Earl said stiffly. "Can't even go to bed, haven't got any pyjamas."

Torrance and Clark must have been wishing they could go quietly back to bed. Clark was not driving well, Torrance, so confident two years ago, was now all too evidently uncertain, and by this time Jacklin was already turning over in his mind bringing in Brand for Clark in the afternoon four-ball; putting together the two Scots.

The captain had hurried ahead to catch up with the leading groups, and was at the seventh to see Brown miss a short and not too difficult downhill putt that could have levelled the match with Sutton and Pohl.

As the four matches turned for the inward half, all behind, Jacklin was depressed but not despondent. "It can make you dig deeper when you find yourself behind," he mused. Ballesteros would do this, as would Faldo and Woosnam, taking six of the last nine holes with a rush of sudden authority

Jacklin's gloom turned to glee as the third and fourth pairs reversed their fortunes.

By now, Jacklin had determined to give the demonstrative Rivero an outing with Brand. This was the time for some challenging decisions, the captain considered. And the brilliance of Ballesteros from the 14th inwards and the surge of Faldo and Woosnam confirmed his resolution to alter the losing pairs.

END COLUMN

Time for Coe and Co to play fair

By Jim Perrin

Every culture, every organization, has its key words, some of them totemic, others merely tokenist, all of them telling us something about the nature of the body politic that uses them. The Sports Council's key word is "participation", a gloss of which is provided by its motto, "Sport for All".

Whether this preoccupation is sincere or simply meant to appease conscience is open to debate. In no area of the Sports Council's work is it more debatable than in its attitude towards our generically termed "outdoor activities" — climbing, rambling, canoeing, orienteering, hang-gliding. There is an underlying problem of perception here.

Grave imbalance in representation

Whereas an England victory over Australia or Brazil can, through reflected glory, national pride and crowd receipts, be seen to justify expenditure on coaching schemes, sports halls and playing field facilities, no such political or financial return can accrue from, say, a group of Sunday ramblers walking over the Stiperstones.

The result of this has been a grave imbalance in the representation of non-competitive sport and recreation on the Sports Council itself. Of the membership of 33 listed in the current annual report, only one, George Cubitt, of the Central Council for Physical Recreation, has even an amateur interest in outdoor pursuits. The interests of the other names — such as Coppell, Coe, Brooking, Wheatley — are entirely predictable.

This situation further obtains with regard to the professional staff of the organization. Beverley Penney, the Welsh officer of the Ramblers' Association, categorically states that "there is no one in the Sports Council, either centrally or regionally, with an informal recreational background. When you talk with them, all they ask you is how many cups you've won!"

Dennis Gray, the general secretary of the British Mountaineering Council, has a similar criticism: "They have got someone in the West Midlands with a specific brief for outdoor recreation, but he's a one-man band and no one knows what he's doing."

Significant silence on activities

In the last year or two, and particularly through the painstaking work of Mike Collins, principal of its research and planning unit, the Sports Council has been forced, by the data its research has thrown up, into the recognition that if "Sport for All" is to mean anything it has to pay more attention to the non-competitive, informal recreations in which it has taken so little interest in the past.

On the debit side, however, the recent consultation paper on Sport In The Community has incensed the Ramblers' Association and the British Mountaineering Council by its significant silence on the activities they represent, and it has drawn a strong rebuke from the Central Council for Physical Recreation. The CCPR says "There must be much stronger representation of outdoor pursuits on the Sports Council, commensurate with the levels of public participation in outdoor recreation. It is in our view a scandal that the most popular recreations are so under-represented on the Sports Council itself."

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White near a fortune

Jimmy White came close to the maximum break of 147 in the first frame of his 5-1 win over Steve Longworth in the fourth round of the Fidelity Unit Trusts International at Trentham Gardens, Stoke-on-Trent yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes).

White was within sight of the special prize of £40,000, which would have been paid in unit trusts, after sinking 13 reds and 13 blacks. He lost position on the penultimate red and an attempt to double it off the side cushion just failed, the break ending at 104.

On the adjoining table Dave Gilbert, of Hornchurch, beat the Welshman, Cliff Wilson, also by 5-1.

RESULTS: Fourth round: J White (Eng) bt S Longworth (Eng), 5-1. Frame scores (White first): 104-9, 61-19, 72-7, 57-70, 87-21, 86-1. D Gilbert (Eng) bt C Wilson (Wales), 5-1 Frame Scores (Gilbert first): 44-53, 77-19, 66-26, 58-24, 47-38, 65-43.

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Gasser in danger of suspension

By Pat Butcher
Athletics Correspondent

More of the iceberg looks about to surface with the imminent disclosure of one positive dope test from the IAAF World Championships in Rome. Sandra Gasser, of Switzerland, has already failed the first test on the urine sample she gave after winning thm 1,500 metres bronze medal, according to Georg Kennel, the president of the Swiss Athletics Federation.

But while the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) office in London admits that there is an outstanding second sample to deliberate, the name of the athlete concerned will not be released until Monday at the earliest, according to Mike Gee, the IAAF technical director.

Gee has the results of the second test in his London office, but he has to circulate them to members of the doping sub-commission around the world. Gee said: 'This subject has been opened up against our desires. Nobody can be named positive until after the second test." But, there can be no doubt that Miss Gasser is the athlete concerned, although she emphatically denies taking anabolic steroids, of which traces were found in her first test sample. She said yesterday: "I have never taken anything, I swear it. I shall fight a ban with all the legal means at my disposal."

Unless there has been some administrative error with the second sample, Miss Gasser would face a two-year ban under the new IAAF regulations. In the experience of Dr David Cowan at the King's College laboratory in London, no second sample in the 20 Year history of dope testing has ever contradicted the first.

Aouita beaten

Said Aouita's two-year-old undefeated track record was broken when he was beaten in the 3,000 metres steeplechase at the Mediterranean Games in Latakia, Syria. Alessandro Lambruschini, of Italy, won in 8min 19.72sec, with Aouita second in 8min 21.92sec. It was the Moroccan's first defeat in 45 races since he lost to Steve Cram – who then set the world 1,500 metres record – in Nice on July 16, 1985.

Robson is looking set for a prolonged stay in new role

By Clive White

Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, revealed yesterday that he believed Bryan Robson could become the new "Kaiser" of international football in his newly chosen role of sweeper in the United team.

Such a forecast will be given the acid test today when Robson finds himself confronted by Nico Claesen, the prolific Belgian forward and occasional Tottenham Hotspur player. Claesen can provide just the sort of pace attack which Robson could expect to face in the international arena.

Bobby Robson, the England manager, will be as interested an onlooker today as Ferguson. The centre back problem position, which appeared to be resolved by the discovery of Tony Adams, of Arsenal, resurfaced in the recent 3-1 defeat by West Germany in Düsseldorf.

Since Ferguson had said only a fortnight earlier that Adams could be the England centre back for the next 30 years it would, perhaps, be wise not to get over-excited about his forecasts about Robson. But his optimism is understandable on both counts.

Throughout his career Robson has been an adaptable type and appears to possess the necessary poise to dominate from the back. "Beckenbauer was a midfield star until he switched to the back four," Ferguson said yesterday. "And he went on to play there for his country for 10 years. I think Bryan can do the same job for England."

Robson is less excited than his manager about his new role, but adopts the professional attitude that it is United who pay his wages, so he does as he is bid. Ferguson said he had discussed the situation with the England manager and that his reasons had been understood.

"I don't think it will affect his England position. He is easily their best player and there is no way they will leave him out. As for us, his new role brings us organization and stability at the back."

There is still a slim chance that Robson's task could be made even more difficult today if Clive Allen, the most successful finisher in English football, passes a fitness test on a hamstring. Waddle is back, though, to ensure that whatever the new-found solidity of the United defence it will need fluidity, too.

If Old Trafford is going slightly Continental today, then Carrow Road should represent the best of British if Ken Brown, the Norwich City manager, is to be believed.

He described Nottingham Forest, his club's opponents today, as a "breath of fresh air". He said after watching Forest beat Hereford on Wednesday: "If they play like that against us it should be a cracker. They are a breath of fresh air because they play free-flowing football and just get on with the game."

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SPORT IN BRIEF

McEnroe banned

John McEnroe has been suspended for two months, from September 28 to November 27, and has also been fined $10,000 (about £6,250). Both penalties arise from four separate violations of the code of conduct during the recent United States championships.

His appeal against the penalties was rejected yesterday by the Men's International Professional Tennis Council, which makes him unavailable to defend his European Community Championship title in Antwerp, from October 26 to November 1.

Wage dispute

Brian Clough, the Nottingham Forest manager, is considering asking the Norwegian Football Association to pay the wages of Kjetl Osvald, his Norwegian midfield player. Osvald has played only four first-team games for Forest since being signed last season and Clough claims his availability has been limited by international calls.

Clough: seeking payment

NFL talks

Philadelphia (AP) — Discussions aimed at ending the National Football League players' strike resumed here yesterday, but Jack Donlan, the management negotiator, said that an agreement could be two months away.

Hockey boost

English schools hockey has clinched a sponsorship deal worth £20,000 with the Nationwide Anglia Building Society to cover a series of under-16 and under-18 boy's county championships, culminating in a final on May 1.

Bundini Brown

Drew "Bundini" Brown, who worked as a cornerman for Muhammad Ali, died on Thursday at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Los Angeles. He was 57. Brown joined Ali, then Cassius Clay, in 1963 and worked as assistant trainer to Angelo Dundee until Ali's final defeat, by Trevor Berbick, in 1981.

IOC backing

Lausanne (AP) — Sports ministers from most Communist countries were behind the International Olympic Committee's attempts to settle the dispute over the hosting of next year's Games in Seoul at a meeting in the Soviet Union last week.

Team named

Steve Moore, of Margate, the British and European water ski champion, is named in the British team for the world championship in Australia next February along with Darren Kirkland, of Sealsalter, Kent, the woman's British and Eurpean champion Nicky Carpenter, of Stone, Essex, and Lisa Coupland, of Whitstable.

Festival a glittering spectacle

By Michael Seely

This afternoon's Festival of British Racing at Ascot, with its total of £640,000 added to the six races, is the most valuable programme ever to be staged in this country.

Organized by the Supporters of British Racing, a non-profit-making company under the chairmanship of Sir John Astor, this glittering occasion will provide an ideal curtain-raiser for an eventful nine days in the sport, proceeding from the Highflyer Sales and the October meeting at Newmarket to a climax in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp on Sunday.

Captain Nicholas Beaumont, Ascot's clerk of the course, is making no forecast about the possible attendance at the festival. "It's difficult to guess as people don't book in advance in September. But we hope to get the same sort of crowd as at the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes in July."

Miesque is favourite at 2-1 on to become the equine star of the show in the featured Queen Elizabeth II Stakes with a total of £240,000 in prize-money.

Nicknamed "La concierge" in the Chantilly stables of Francois Boutin because of her bold outlook and inquisitive gaze, Miesque's formidable powers of acceleration have carried her to victory in eight of her 10 starts, including the English and French 1,000 Guineas.

Sonic Lady, last season's champion European miler, may be her principal opponent as the Michael Stoute-trained filly seeks to prevent Miesque from seizing her crown.

Steve Cauthen, three winners behind Pat Eddery at the end of yesterday's racing, is to partner Miesque, as Freddie Head, the filly's regular rider, has been banned for 15 days.

Supporters of the American-born jockey, aged 27, could have a field day as his other possible winning mounts include Diminuendo and Sanquirico for Henry Cecil in the Hoover Fillies' Mile (2.15) and Royal Lodge Stakes (4.35) respectively.

Stoking the funds

Belgrave Harriers are hoping for a good run in the McVitie's gold athletics challenge on October 4. The Harriers stage one of the regional 25 x 1 mile relay races at Battersea Park, London, needing funds to replace their clubhouse boiler, which blew up and will cost £5,000 to replace. The club's patron, Eddie Klukundis, has promised to double anything Belgrave win in the event.

Oklahoma date

The United States may host the world table tennis championships for the first time in 1993 (AFP reports). The president of the International Table Tennis Federation, Ichiro Ogimura, has received a letter from the Governor of Oklahoma, Henry Bellmon, inviting the ITTF to stage their showpiece tournament in Oklahoma City in six years' time. The ITTF will consider the American application at their biennial general meeting in Dortmund, West Germany, in the spring, along with bids from Yugoslavia and England.

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